

INTERNATIONAL

Flood victims flock to Dhaka

DHAKA, Aug. 31. (Reuters): Thousands of Bangladeshi families made homeless by monsoon floods that have killed more than 250 people streamed into Dhaka today, but officials said there was not enough room for all of them.

"They are coming from near and far, but only a few of them will find a place to live," an official in the capital said.

The government has ordered schools, colleges and other buildings to be opened as emergency shelters, but officials said they would barely be enough to accommodate Dhaka residents made homeless by floods.

Camps
Floods triggered by heavy rains are now affecting a third of Bangladesh's 105 million people.

Nearly 250,000 flood victims are in makeshift camps across the country but rescuers trying to reach remote villages say at least 10 million people are still cut off.

At Kamrangirchar on the outskirts of Dhaka, floods reached roof level. Hundreds of families have taken refuge on rooftops, but are spending sleepless nights because of the threat from poisonous snakes.

Loss
Agriculture officials said floods over the past two weeks had destroyed at least \$250 million worth of rice and jute.

Officials said nearly 2,000 civilian and Army doctors were battling dysentery and other diseases, caused by rotten food and contaminated water in the wake of the floods.

In India's northeastern state of Assam bordering Bangladesh, officials said floods had killed 65 people and made 700,000 homeless.

State authorities today asked for \$55 million in relief funds from the Indian government in New Delhi.

Bangladesh today appealed for international aid for victims of floods.

"The situation is alarming," President Hussain Muhammad Ershad said after visiting flood-stricken areas north of Dhaka.

First contact since Solidarity outlawed

Walesa holds talks with Polish minister

WARSAW, Aug. 31. (Reuters): Solidarity leader Lech Walesa had talks with Interior Minister Czeslaw Kiszczak today, in his first meeting with Poland's communist authorities since they outlawed the free trade union in 1982, the official news agency PAP said.

It said the two men discussed premises and procedures for setting up wide-ranging round-table talks between the government, opposition and pro-government groups to deliberate on Poland's future.

Also attending today's preliminary discussions were Bishop Jerzy Dabrowski, deputy secretary of the Roman Catholic Bishops Conference and Stanislaw Ciosek, a senior communist official responsible for the Patriotic Movement for National Rebirth (PRON), a pro-government political front.

Anniversary
Solidarity sources said the talks were at a government villa somewhere in Warsaw. Walesa earlier slipped away from journalists to reach the meeting place after driving 350 km from his home in the northern port of Gdansk.

The talks coincided with the eighth anniversary of the Gdansk accords, signed by Walesa and the authorities, which set up Solidarity as the

communist world's first independent trade union.

PAP gave no details of the discussions, issuing only a 34-word bulletin saying they were taking place.

"I hope to make up for the past seven years," Walesa told reporters as he entered the headquarters of the Polish Episcopate for preliminary talks with Dabrowski, who is deputy secretary of the Polish bishops' conference.

Since Polish leader Wojciech Jaruzelski imposed martial law in December 1981 to suppress Solidarity, Walesa and the outlawed union have been vilified and boycotted by the authorities but backed by Poland's powerful Catholic Church.

Asked what he would tell Kiszczak, the man who in 1981 signed an order consigning him to 11 months' imprisonment under martial law, Walesa told reporters before leaving Gdansk: "I'll tell him how to make up for these years."

In Warsaw, Walesa slipped out of the Episcopate building through a rear garage and drove to the meeting at a government villa in the south of the capital.

The talks brought Walesa face-to-face with Kiszczak for the first time since the Interior Minister visited him in 1982 while he was interned at a village

outside Warsaw.

They took place amid a two-week wave of pro-Solidarity strikes, the country's worst labour unrest since 1981.

Ciosek, the fourth participant in the talks, is another old adversary of Walesa. The two clashed frequently when Ciosek was trade unions minister during Solidarity's brief era of legality.

The government agreed to the talks as it faced prolonged labour unrest for the first time since the Solidarity era.

The strike wave is the second this year, and officials publicly express fears of further unrest in the winter even if it ends soon.

Workers demanding recognition of Solidarity and higher pay to compensate for rising prices are on strike at a coal-mine, four shipyards, the ports of Gdansk and Szczecin, a steel mill and a Szczecin bus depot.

Last weekend Deputy Interior Minister Czeslaw Staszczak told the party's policy-making central committee that a third wave of strikes was likely in the winter as authorities wrestle with a prolonged economic crisis.

The two waves of strikes this year, and particularly the present one, have re-emphasised the problem of Solidarity won't go away," a Western diplomat said, noting that the strikers were predominantly young radicals.

23 wounded as bomb damages office of anti-apartheid groups

JOHANNESBURG, Aug. 31. (AP): A bomb explosion early today shattered an office building used by several major anti-apartheid groups, and police said 23 people were injured.

The type of explosive and the identity of the bombers was not known, police said. Anglican Archbishop Desmond Tutu blamed the attack on "the perpetrators or supporters of apartheid."

The injured included passers-by and employees of the South African Council of Churches, the main occupant of the six-storey Khotso House. Several nearby shops and apartment buildings were heavily damaged.

Commitment
Tutu, a leader of the church council and winner of the 1984 Nobel peace prize for his anti-apartheid campaigning, said the blast "represents a new low in the behaviour of those who seek to destroy the witness of the church against the evil policies of the South African government."

"The evil people who carried out this despicable bombing must know that they will never deter the church from its commitment to non-violent methods of transforming South Africa society," Tutu said.

It was the second explosion to wreck the Johannesburg headquarters of anti-apartheid groups. Last year, the offices of the main black labour federation, the Congress of South African Trade Unions, and several of its affiliates were severely damaged.

The union congress, in a statement, described today's bombing as part of a "continuous campaign against the opponents of apartheid" and said it had heard nothing from police about investigations of the 1987 blast at its headquarters.

The explosion today was believed to have occurred in the parking garage underneath Khotso House, which means house of peace. A fire was set off after gas pipes were destroyed.

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South African soldiers flash victory sign while leaving Angola. (Reuters wirephoto)

Cuba urged to match peace initiative

S. Africa pulls out of Angola

RUNDU, Namibia, Aug. 31. (Reuters): South Africa has completed the withdrawal of about 3,000 troops from Angola and challenged Cuba to set a timetable for the repatriation of its forces in line with a US-led peace initiative.

The end of the pullout on Tuesday was monitored at the Namibian border town of Rundu by senior officers from South Africa, Angola and Cuba, which have been observing a ceasefire in southwestern Africa since Aug. 10.

"Our governments have shown the world that our peoples are partners in peace and that is our main mission," Angolan representative Major Osvaldo van Dunen told reporters.

Some 1,000 South African soldiers, about half of them black, crossed a pontoon bridge over the Kavango River border from Angola into Pretoria-ruled Namibia.

The last vehicle crossed the river 36 hours ahead of the deadline set in negotiations between the three countries.

Some of the soldiers waved victory signs or cheered but most looked weary and did not react to the barrage of reporters and television cameras that awaited them.

Slogans

Many of the vehicles, including mine-proof trucks, towed howitzers and armoured cars, were daubed with victory slogans.

"We are out of Angola," South African Defence Chief of Staff Lieutenant-General Ian Glesson said as troops moved in to dismantle the two-year-old pontoon bridge.

He said the completion of the withdrawal was proof of Pretoria's sincerity in US-mediated peace talks that started in London in May.

He said Angola and Cuba

should now show their good faith by setting an acceptable timetable for the withdrawal of the estimated 50,000 Cuban troops aiding the Luanda government.

South Africa has made the Cuban withdrawal a condition for granting independence to Namibia, a former German colony ruled by Pretoria for 73 years.

"They seem to be in a hurry," he said. "I would be happier if they viewed the matter with a greater sense of urgency."

Havana has proposed a phased withdrawal over 18 months but South Africa is pressing for a complete Cuban pullout by next June 1, the date proposed by Pretoria for UN-supervised independence elections in Namibia.

In Pretoria senior Foreign Ministry official Glenn Babb urged Cuba and Angola to set a timetable soon for the Cuban withdrawal.

It is a hard life ...

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He is the eldest of four children of Noor Mohammad and Fatima Begum.

"My first issue were twins, Gul and Zahoor. Both were dwarfs," Fatima said in her one-room in the Ballimaran district of Old Delhi. "Zahoor died after four years, but Gul lived to become a man."

Her other children, a boy and a girl, grew to normal size.

Gul, which means flower in the Urdu language, is lonely and wants to get married. He was 10 when his father died. His mother soon remarried, and Gul was sent to live with his maternal uncle, where he stays today.

Charity
"I want to marry someone who is of normal height so that she can carry me around, feed me and give me bath... I do not want to live on the charity of my relatives forever," Mohammad said. His arms are so short that his hands "can't reach his head while bathing," said his aunt, Nargis Begum.

Five more killed in Ulster violence

REPUBLIC.

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Activists

In another apartment setback for the IRA, a British official in Bonn reported West German police had arrested two suspected IRA members on the Dutch border. Guns and ammunition were found in their car.

The three IRA members killed yesterday evening, including two brothers, died when soldiers raked their car with bullets after intercepting it on a country road near the border with the Irish

Republic.

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PLO may amend charter

LONDON, Aug. 31. (Reuters): A top PLO official has hinted that the PLO could opt to amend its political charter rather than making an outright declaration of an independent Palestinian state.

Salah Khalaf, the PLO's number two man after chairman Yasser Arafat, said in an interview with the London-based newsletter Middle East Mirror that the PLO would try to close ranks with dissidents at Libyan-sponsored talks ahead of a meeting of the PLO's parliament-in-exile now put back until October.

But Palestinian sources in Tunisia said that Arafat left Tripoli today after Libya failed to reconcile him with radical Palestinian leaders.

Plans
They did not give his destination but said he might return for ceremonies tomorrow for the 19th anniversary of the Libyan revolution which brought Moammar Khaddafi to power.

Arafat, who arrived in Tripoli early yesterday, had wanted to discuss plans to form a provisional Palestinian government or government-in-exile with radicals opposed to his leadership, the sources said.

But Ahmed Jibril, secretary general of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command (PFLP-GC), and Abu Musa, head of a splinter group from Arafat's mainstream Fatah group, told Khaddafi they

would not meet Arafat.

Salah Khalaf, also known as Abu Iyad, said the postponement of the Palestine National Council (PNC) meeting was "to complete Palestinian, Arab and international consultations" on efforts to lay the foundations of a Palestinian state in the vacuum left by Jordan's disengagement from the Israeli-occupied West Bank.

A likely option, he said, was a new PLO political platform to replace the organisation's current charter.

Argue

"There are those who argue against a declaration of independence now, saying a political platform by the PLO would suffice," Khalaf said.

He said the current debate within Palestinian ranks revolved around "the confines of the intended political platform and whether it will be declared by the PLO as such or accompany a declaration of a state or the setting up of a government."

Jibril said that Libya, a key supporter of the radical groups, now favoured Arafat's demand for an independent state.

Mahmoud Abbas, a member of the PLO's 15-man executive committee, told the UAE newspaper Al Itihad that "all Arab countries, except Syria, agree to support any decision taken by the PLO concerning the formation of a provisional government."

POWs fear persecution if they return home

UNITED NATIONS, Aug. 31. (AP): Many Iranian and Iraqi prisoners of war fear persecution if they return home, and Iraqi POWs may riot when repatriation is attempted, according to UN investigators who visited their camps.

POW camps in Iran are ruled internally by zealous Iraqi POWs who have switched their loyalty to Iran's Ayatollah Khomeini, the UN experts said in a report to be released tomorrow.

"In each camp we visited (in Iran), there were fanatical, hysterical and sometimes violent demonstrations by the prisoners, who were assembled inside, along the barbed wire fences," the three UN experts reported.

Shouted
The Iraqi prisoners shouted slogans denouncing the superpowers and praised Islam and Khomeini. The rallies were so fervent at the Arak and Davoudieh camps that the UN team was unable to enter safely.

About half the prisoners took part in the rallies, but they were clearly under the influence of 10 per cent or 20 per cent of the POWs, said the UN team, which visited the camps in late July and early August.

They visited camps in Iran on July 23-30, and camps in Iraq July 31-Aug. 5.

In the camps in Iran holding Iraqi prisoners, the team concluded, "there is a risk that riots may break out, for example the moment when transfer is to take place with a view to registration and repatriation."

Control

In the camps in Iraq, the Iranian POWs were more orderly and control, but many of the prisoners also hesitated to go home, according to the report.

"The majority, however, seemed inclined to return to Iran, provided they were given effective guarantees that they would not be subject to persecution on their return. In the absence of such guarantees, however, their future looks gloomy," the investigators said.

Iran listed 46,098 POWs in its camps, but many more new prisoners were not registered and the UN team decided the number could be about 70,000.

Iraq furnished a list of 18,139 POWs in its camps at the time, but Iraqi authorities told the team many other new detainees are not yet registered, so the total may be about 35,000, the UN decided.

India takes steps to muzzle the press

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Janata Party chief Madhu Dan Dave said the government wanted the bill passed to protect itself from numerous scandals that have surfaced since 1987.

Kickbacks
Most allege that kickbacks from various defence purchases have been accepted by officials of Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi's Congress Party.

The government has denied the charges.

P. Chidambaram, Minister of State for Home Affairs, who introduced the bill in Parliament on Monday, said the government did not intend to curb the press, but to ensure that a person's privacy and honour were not destroyed.

"I will defend until my death the right of newspapers to publish what is true," he said. "But the right must be to publish only the truth. Investigations by journalists must lead to facts and not to insinuations and innuendoes."

7 killed in Hong Kong

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the company offered to assist the probe.

After a failed first attempt, a five-metre (15-foot) floating crane removed the plane from the crash site in Hong Kong's scenic harbour by this evening.

Civil Aviation Department spokesman Alex Wong said investigators hoped to remove the flight recorders once the wreckage could be moved to a suitable place for examination.

Navy divers, a small flotilla of rescue craft and five Air Force helicopters worked to ferry the injured to safety. Fire trucks crowded the airport runway and sprayed the plane with foam.

Officials also said rescuers saved at least two people who were trapped inside the fuselage after the crash.

Tsu said one of the jet engines was on fire when rescue teams arrived but did not elaborate.

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Millions facing hunger in Sudan

DUBLIN, Aug. 31. (AP) — An Irish relief worker said today that millions of people in Sudan face death from starvation and the civil war raging in the southern part of the country.

The Rev. Angus Finucane, director of the Dublin-based aid agency Concern, called for efforts of food to regions of the country made inaccessible by war.

"Two million people are facing death from the ravages of war and starvation," Finucane said at Dublin airport after returning from a two-week visit to Khartoum.

Trains carrying thousands of "living skeletons" were arriving in the north every few days, he said, and hundreds of others trekked on foot to refugee camps.

"I saw people there just about as bad as anyone can be and still be alive," Finucane said. "Families had walked, sometimes for three weeks, rested a day or two, walked onwards and were collapsing into some of the camps."

The refugees gave accounts of "the huge numbers they were leaving behind," he said.

Deaths

About 40 people per day were dying at refugee camps at El Meriam, 800 km from Khartoum, he said.

Finucane, whose agency has 34 aid workers in Sudan, said many famine victims come to Khartoum by train from Bahr El-Ghazal province, especially from the area around the town of Awel.

"Many fail to get on the trains. Several cases of people, especially children, being killed by falling from the moving trains are reported," he said.

In Khartoum on Tuesday, the Union of Sudanese African Parties issued a statement that Sudanese fleeing the civil war were dying of starvation on their long journeys north.

"I would not say by the thousands, but they are dying," a spokesman in Sudan told the Associated Press.



Salim Al Hoss

Lebanese premier in hospital

BEIRUT, Aug. 31. (AP) — Acting Prime Minister Salim Al Hoss, an American-educated moderate politician, was rushed to the American University Hospital in West Beirut today after a severe asthma attack.

An attending doctor said at midday Hoss, 58, was admitted to the intensive care unit at dawn, but that "he is much better now."

"He is recovering quickly," the doctor said, refusing to speculate on how long Hoss, a Sunni Muslim, would remain in the ICU.

Hoss has a doctorate in economics and business administration from the University of Indiana. An advocate of Christian-Muslim co-existence, he is married to a Christian, Layla Pharaon.

The Labour Minister, Hoss became acting Prime Minister in June 1987, when Prime Minister Rashid Karame was killed in an explosion aboard an Army helicopter that was carrying him to Beirut from north Lebanon.

Hoss was scheduled to hold a news conference Thursday to elaborate on a political deadlock that has prevented the election of a new Lebanese president.

President Amin Gemayel's six-year term expires on Sept. 23. Christian parliament members boycotted an Aug. 18 election session because the only candidate was former President Suleiman Franjeh, a Maronite Catholic who was in office when the civil war broke out in 1975.

A staunch ally of Syria, Franjeh requested Syrian military intervention in 1976. Christian militias, backed by Israel, are violently opposed to Syria.

Regime under pressure to surrender power

Burmese asked to stop work

RANGOON, Aug. 31. (Reuters) — Demonstrators called for a national stoppage and mass rallies through Rangoon tomorrow, tightening the screw on socialist leaders to surrender power.

The call was made as veteran politicians tried to unite and shape the amorphous nationwide opposition demanding an immediate end to the 26-year one-party state.

The demand for a total stoppage, in a country already paralysed by widespread strikes, was broadcast by loudspeaker vans touring the capital.

Diplomats said this would heap more pressure on the beleaguered Burma Socialist Programme Party (BSPP), which is clinging to a timetable for political reform starting with an emergency party congress in two weeks.

They said rumours of impending military intervention were rife in the city, where residents sift for reliable information from wall posters, leaflets, official newspapers and uncorroborated statements.

Inroads

"The opposition is making such inroads that if there is going to be a move to stamp it out it will probably come soon rather than later," one said.

He said the period up to tomorrow's strike could be crucial, but there had been no major troop movements detected in or around the capital since the Army pulled out last Wednesday following the end of martial law.

A group of elder statesmen, including the President, Prime Minister and house speaker from the last elected government, has formed to try to unite and direct the "people power" opposition to create an interim government leading to democracy.

Students, government workers, including employees of the Foreign Ministry, and other sectors have also hastily formed associations all demanding an end to repressive one-party rule.

But no one ruled out the possibility that the old soldiers who have presided over the country of 38 million for a generation might still flex their military muscle one more time to reassert control.

Army

Alternatives included a "phoney coup" in which the BSPP leadership called back the military to subdue the people, or a genuine takeover by a faction ousting the hardliners and opening the way to a multi-party democracy.

"The soldiers might just come back on the streets again and then they would have to shoot a lot more than they did three weeks ago," said one Western diplomat.

Burma's first Prime Minister after independence said today that a majority of the Army — seen as pivotal in the popular revolt against single-party socialist rule — is not against the people.

"From reports from some of my friends quite a lot of them (the Army) are not anti-people — the majority," 81-year-old U Nu said in an interview.

U Nu was Burma's first Prime Minister after independence from Britain in 1948 and the last before strongman Ne Win seized power in 1962.

He heads the League for Democracy and Peace, an alliance of veteran politicians seeking democracy, formed during the current popular uprising against the iron rule of the Burma Socialist Programme Party.

Soyuz crew links up with MIR station

MOSCOW, Aug. 31. (UPI) — Two Soviet cosmonauts and their Afghan guest today joined two other cosmonauts aboard MIR space station 49 hours after blasting off from the Baikonur centre, the Tass news agency said.

"The international Soviet-Afghan crew consisting of Vladimir Lyakhov, Valery Polyakov and Afghan research cosmonaut Abdul Ahad Mubammad moved from the Soyuz TM-6 space ship to the Soviet long-duration research complex MIR," Tass said.

The Soyuz rocket docked at the space station, 49 hours after liftoff Monday morning, the news agency said.

The space voyagers "were welcomed by Vladimir Titov and Musa Manarov," who blasted off on Dec. 21 last year in an attempt to break the 326-day world endurance record, set in 1987 by Yuri Romanenko.

Of the three visiting spacemen, Polyakov, a physician, will remain aboard the space station, while Lyakhov and Mubammad fly back leaving the doctor to monitor the health of the long-term MIR occupants as they zero in on the space endurance record.

The US endurance record is 178 days, set in 1978 aboard the Skylab space station, which later disintegrated on re-entry into the earth's atmosphere.

The presence of the doctor in the final stages of an endurance flight is a new modification in the Soviet programme.

"A distinguishing feature of the medico-biological experiments to be performed during the joint flight is direct participation of a researcher physician in them," Tass said.

"The cosmonauts are to carry out a large amount of visual observation and photography of the territory of Afghanistan."

Soviets accused of violating accords

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31. (AP) — The United States has accused the Soviet Union of violating an Afghan-Soviet accord by using Soviet-based aircraft in bombings against mujahideen guerrillas there.

The United States also is concerned about the redeployment of Soviet artillery in support of government forces fighting for control of the northern Afghan city of Kanduz, said State Department spokeswoman Phyllis Oakley.

"The Soviets recently withdrew from Kanduz, about 50 kilometres from the Soviet border, as part of a 50-per cent reduction in the Soviet presence in compliance with the Geneva accords," she said.

Red Army artillery forces later arrived from elsewhere in Afghanistan to bolster government forces in Kanduz, Oakley said.

"The Soviets are to complete the withdrawal by Feb. 15, 1989, under the agreement signed last April by the United Nations, Pakistan, Afghanistan and co-guaranteed by both superpowers."

The Soviets appear to be using airplanes based inside the Soviet Union to carry out the aerial bombardments around Kanduz city in support of the ground forces, Mrs Oakley said.

"In our view, the use of the Soviet aircraft coming from inside the Soviet Union are a violation of the Geneva accords," she said.

The redeployment of Soviet troops from other parts of Afghanistan to Kanduz is not viewed as violation, Mrs Oakley added.

The pact which brings about an end to more than eight years of Soviet occupation is not in any danger of unravelling, she said.

"We fully expect the Soviet Union to adhere to the Geneva accords," she said.

The United States has "raised the issue of Soviet compliance" with the UN good offices mission, which monitors the Geneva agreement.

Four Indians killed in refinery fire

NEW DELHI, Aug. 31. (AP) — Fire engulfed a massive oil refinery in northern India on Tuesday, killing at least four people and seriously injuring five, the federal minister for petroleum said.

Among the dead was an engineer working with the Indian Oil Corporation, India's largest oil company, Brahm Dutt told parliament. He said a day labourer also was killed, but did not identify the other victims.

The injured were hospitalised with serious burns, Indian news agencies reported.

The fire broke out at the oil refinery at Mathura at a railway siding where wagons were being loaded with Naptha, a volatile, oily liquid used as fuel and solvent. Dutt said. Mathura is 130 kilometres south of New Delhi.

An investigation has been ordered to determine what caused the fire.

The blaze was brought under control within four hours, Indian Oil Corporation chief K.L. Khosla told the United News of India news agency.

Indians intensify anti-Tamil sweep

COLOMBO, Aug. 31. (Reuters) — Indian soldiers are fighting fierce battles with Tamil guerrillas in an intensified anti-rebel sweep of Sri Lanka's northern jungles, military sources said today.

The sources and Tamil rebels said "Operation Checkmate," which began in May, was intensified in mid-August in the Wanni jungles straddling Vavuniya and Mullaitivu districts in the northeast.

"There's a ding-dong battle going on in that area. The idea of checkmate is to capture the LTTE leadership," said a senior military official.

Pact

The separatist Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) said last week that checkmate had entered a new phase to wipe out its leaders and that fighting had been raging on many jungle fronts.

Indian military reports indicated at least 29 rebels were killed and 19 injured in August in the Wanni. At least 13 Indian soldiers were killed and eight wounded.

The Tigers fled to Wanni after being driven out of their main bastion in Jaffna, the peninsula north of the jungles, in a bloody battle last October which followed rebel repudiation of an Indo-Sri Lankan pact.

Signed in July 1987, the pact aims to end the ethnic conflict which has claimed about 9,000 lives.

About 52,000 Indian soldiers were sent to the north and east to enforce the accord, which provides for creation of semi-autonomous provincial councils throughout the island.

About 20,000 soldiers are estimated to be involved in the Wanni operation.

They first went deep into the jungles in May in search of Tiger guerrillas gone to ground in a network of tunnels and heavily fortified camps.

Political observers said operations were stepped-up after Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi indicated in early August that India was getting tired of negotiating with the LTTE.

"The present phase is apparently to capture the leadership so that India can have a better bargaining power," a senior military official said.

Newspaper closed

CAIRO, Aug. 31. (Reuters) — Egypt has decided to shut down an opposition newspaper that had earlier come under official attack for criticising an Arab ally, Cairo dailies reported today.

General Abdel Raouf Abdel Rahman, deputy governor of Cairo, has ordered the disbandment of the Friends of Arab Media Club, which sponsored the Nasserite weekly Sawt Al Arab, the semi-official papers reported.

The decision was made in part because the newspaper had engaged in political activities violating the club's charter, the paper said. Financial offences were also cited.

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Kuwait will continue to work for lasting Gulf peace

KUWAIT will continue to play an active role to ensure a lasting peace in the Gulf region, a senior Kuwaiti official said.

In an exclusive interview with the Chinese News Agency (Xinhua) yesterday, Kuwait's Foreign Undersecretary Sulaiman Majed Al Shaheen said Kuwait, as a member of the United Nations and part and parcel of the Gulf region, finds itself obliged to play a role in finding an enduring, peaceful solution to the Iran-Iraq conflict.

"We will continue our active role by making direct contacts with both Iraq and Iran, and with all those countries which can participate in establishing lasting peace in the region," he said.

Navigation
Stressing the vital importance of the Gulf waterway, Shaheen said that many powers worked to keep the waterway open and safe for navigation even though



Al Shaheen

about 540 ships were hit during the last six or seven years.

He noted that Kuwait recognises the role of many international powers who helped Kuwait sweep for mines, establish

communications and facilitate free navigation.

He expressed the hope that Iran and Iraq, while starting negotiations to settle their disputes, will also tackle the question of navigation in the Gulf waterways.

Relations

Discussing relations between Kuwait and Iran, Shaheen told Xinhua that after the UN-sponsored ceasefire went into effect, Kuwait sent an official to Tehran to prepare to reopen its embassy there.

"We are now preparing to send diplomats to Tehran once they get their visas," he added.

The Kuwaiti Embassy in Tehran was stormed and burned following the Makkah incident during last year's Haj season. The embassy has been closed since then.

"We will be friends and neighbours, as it is the only way to deal

with each other — by cooperation based on mutual respect," Shaheen said.

Reconstruction

Kuwait always follows the peaceful way to solve problems, he said, adding that the ball is now in the court of the Iranians.

Asked if Kuwait is ready to take part in the post-war reconstruction in Iraq and Iran, Shaheen said that as a member of UN, Kuwait is ready to do its best to help its friends, both Iraq and Iran, in accordance with what the requests.

Actually, Kuwait has already started helping by paying its share of the cost of the UN observers group, he said.

Since 1982, Kuwait has been contacting the Red Cross about facilitating the exchange of prisoners of the Gulf war.

"We are prepared to play that role if we are asked to do so on humanitarian basis," he added.

Amir praises UN chief

UNITED NATIONS, Aug 31, (KUNA): HH the Amir of Kuwait has paid tribute to Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar's "sincere and constructive efforts in solving complex international conflicts."

The Amir, who is the present chairman of the Organisation of Islamic Conference, said he has followed with deep interest Perez de Cuellar's extensive meetings in Geneva.

"This sincere and constructive effort aimed at a world in which peace prevails, merits our thanks, praise and appreciation," the Amir said in a message to Perez de Cuellar.

"With your qualities, you were able to win the trust of the community and of the parties to these conflicts, and bring them to negotiating tables and reconciliation."

"At your side is a select group of your assistants who believe in what you believe in: love for peace and work, and perseverance throughout its phases."

"In the name of the Organisation of Islamic Conference, I should like to extend to you and the agencies assisting you my sincere thanks and regards, wishing you good health, continued progress and additional contributions to world peace," the Amir said.

The Secretary-General is presiding over peace talks between Iraq and Iran. He has also met with the parties to the conflicts in Western Sahara and Cyprus.

Ramadan briefed Amir on peace talks: Sabah

DEPUTY Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed said yesterday Iraqi envoy Taha Yassin Ramadan, who visited Kuwait Tuesday, briefed HH the Amir on the progress of the Iraqi-Iranian peace negotiations in Geneva.

Ramadan, Iraq's First Deputy Premier, also discussed the latest developments in the region after the ceasefire went into effect, he added.

Sheikh Sabah earlier in the day received Minister of Social Affairs and Labour Sheikh Nasser Mohammed and State Minister for Service Affairs Issa Al Mazidi, who introduced the newly appointed head of the Civil Aviation Department Sheikh Jaher Muharak Al Abdalla.

Later, Sheikh Sabah received Kuwait's Ambassador to London Ghazi Al Rayyes and the Kuwaiti Consul in Bombay Faisal Issa Al Yousef.

Afterward he received Brazil's Ambassador Rimondo Nonato de Castro who is ending his mission in Kuwait.

Fires at homes caused by careless use of electricity

RESIDENTS should adopt safer wiring methods and regularly check electric installations, said Lt Nabil Al Haisan and Lt Adnan Al Rashid of the Public Department for Fire Fighting.

Fires in homes are generally due to careless use of electricity and flammable materials. They said unsafe storage methods are also responsible for accidents.

An average of 250 to 300 accidents, big and small, are reported to the department every month.

In the winter, most of these occur in homes, while during the summer months, accidents are more common in industrial areas. Traffic and Coast Guard accidents make up the remainder.

Call to clear Gulf of mines

MINES in the Gulf may bring catastrophe in the entire region, according to Abdul Fattah Al Bader, chairman of the Kuwait Oil Tankers Co. (KOTC).

He called on countries who benefit from the Gulf region to clear the waterway of mines.

He also said that any peace accord between Iran and Iraq should contain an agreement to clear the Gulf and provide safe passage for all.

The official stressed that this is an international issue and can be carried out through the United Nations. If everyone co-operates and uses highly advanced equipment, the cleaning process could be completed in one and a half years, he said.

Al Bader announced that KOTC saved as much as \$160 million during the eight years of

war by not insuring its tankers and ships. The annual cost of insurance was estimated between \$20-30 million.

Kuwaiti tankers and ships that were hit during the war were repaired at costs far lower than the amounts that would have been paid by insurance, he added.

Al Bader said the cost of the six new tankers purchased by Kuwait from South Korea was 50 per cent less than the rates prevailing today. He called the purchase "a deal of a lifetime."

The Kuwaiti flag was raised yesterday on the first of six tankers called "The Kuwaitiya." It has a capacity of 35,000 tons of oil products. The last of the tankers will be received by the end of December, he said.

Al Bader said KOTC is study-

ing the oil tanker market for the coming 20 years. He predicted there will be "hectic demands" on tankers between 1993-1995 because of a sharp drop in the availability of tankers. He said that KOTC can take advantage of this opportunity if it builds more tankers and makes plans now.

Discussing the end of the Iran-Iraq war, Al Bader said that the first positive result will be a drop in insurance rates on ships and tankers. However, that the operation of oil tankers is linked more closely with oil prices rather than the war situation, he said.

Operations go up the drop in oil prices. Since oil prices are too low now there is an increasing demand and thus more work for oil tankers, Al Bader said.

375,000 families benefitted from Kuwait's aid

AIDA AL SHARIF, director of relief programmes at the Lebanese Hariri charitable organisation said that about 375,000 needy Lebanese families benefitted from Kuwait's aid to Lebanon.

In an interview with a Lebanese daily, she thanked the Kuwaiti government and its people for their valuable support. The aid included sugar, rice, milk, cooking oil, flour and blankets.

The Kuwaiti government contributed 60 buses to Lebanon. Six buses were given to the Army Command, six to the Interior Security Force and 48 to the Lebanese Public Transport Authority, she said.

Al Sanea leads delegation

THE Assistant Undersecretary of the Civil Service Commission for Administrative Development Affairs, Dr Naser Al Sanea, left for Hungary to lead a delegation to the International Round-table Conference on Public Administration.

The conference, organised by the International Institute of Administrative Science, will focus on administration without bureaucracy, Al Sanea said.

The four-day conference will be attended by academics and specialists. The bureaucratic style of administration still used in Third World countries has become obsolete due to economic and technological changes in the last few years, the official said.

The conference will study new legislation and systems of public administration used in different countries. The conference will also focus on the use of technology in developing the administrative branches, he said.

French envoy

DEFENCE Minister Sheikh Nawaf Al Ahmed yesterday received the new French ambassador to Kuwait.

Attempts to smuggle narcotics foiled

KUWAIT'S customs officers at the airport foiled several attempts to smuggle narcotics into the country last week, according to the assistant director of Public Customs Authority for airport customs, Abdul Razzak Al Ubaid.

There were 151 attempts to smuggle narcotics into Kuwait last year compared to 144 attempts in 1986. The largest haul came from a Kuwaiti national who tried to smuggle two kilograms of heroin into Kuwait. A Pakistani tried to bring in five kilos of hashish, he said.

The official added that the customs staff at the airport has been increased. More inspectors from other border centres were brought to the airport to meet the rush of passengers returning after the summer vacation.



Al Khodari inspecting one of the exhibits.

Educational Instruments Exhibition opened

By Lima Al Khalafawi

THE 4th Educational Instruments Exhibition was opened yesterday by the Undersecretary of the Ministry of Education, Abdul Rahman Al Khodari.

The exhibition will be open until Sept 9.

A wide range of educational aids are available to students at low prices. Companies are displaying their best products, giving parents and children a good opportunity to view the products.

The exhibition, held at the beginning of the academic year,

is popular. Thirty-six companies dealing with stationery items are participating and offering competitive prices.

Computers have caught the imagination of students at various levels of education, including those attending kindergarten.

A computer shop owner attributed popularity of computer section to the students' awareness of computers in their schools.

Computer prices range between KD55 and KD275, he said. Disks are available at low prices, including programmes.

French minister to visit Kuwait

PARIS, Aug 31, (KUNA): French Defence Minister Jean-Pierre Chevenement will leave here Saturday for Kuwait on a two-day working visit.

A Defence Ministry source told the Kuwait News Agency that Chevenement's visit "is of a political character to assure the prosperous relations between the two countries."

During his stay in Kuwait, Chevenement will be received by Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed and Defence Minister Sheikh Nawaf Al Ahmed, the source said.

Chevenement will also visit French naval units in the Gulf, the frigate Georges-Leygues and the minesweeper Pegase, the source said.

Analysts here have said that Chevenement is likely to discuss the sale of French arms, mainly the advanced "Mirage 2000" jet fighter with Kuwait's leaders.

France is one of Kuwait's major arms suppliers. Chevenement is the first minister of the socialist government of Michel Rocard to visit Kuwait since the government was formed last June.

Chevenement, 49, followed a political career in the Socialist Party shortly after his graduation from the prestigious National School of Administration in 1965.

Last year, Chevenement declared that he would run for president but he withdrew his candidacy upon the declaration of Mitterrand.

Life sentence upheld

KUWAIT'S High Appeal Court upheld a life sentence imposed by the Criminal Court on a maid who admitted stabbing another maid in death last September in Rumithiya.

The defendant, identified as T.M., confessed to murdering another maid identified as A.A. The court was told that the accused took a big knife with her to the bedroom she shared with the victim and another maid.

When she was sure her intended victim was asleep, the defendant stabbed the woman in the neck and other parts of her body. She then cut off the victim's head.

The accused told the court that the deceased always acted as a "boss," and told her employers that the defendant was not efficient. On the morning of the incident, the two argued and the defendant claimed that A.A. beat her.

However, she told the court that "it was some evil which played with her mind" that made her kill her colleague. After she killed the victim, the accused washed the knife and her hands, changed her dress and sat in the courtyard.

The Criminal Court sentenced her to life imprisonment with hard labour to be followed by deportation. The public prosecution appealed, asking for the death sentence because the murder was premeditated.

Heavy rainfall reported

HEAVY rainfall was reported at Abdalli and Roudhain on Tuesday afternoon, according to the meteorological department.

This early rainfall was caused by the high density of humidity in the area.

The rain, which started at 4.30 pm, lasted for one hour and caused power outage in the areas.

46pc of drivers have accidents

A SCIENTIFIC study indicates that 46 per cent of drivers in Saudi Arabia have one or more accidents during their lives.

The psychology department of King Saud University in Riyadh, which conducted the research, said that many drivers take extreme risks, do not follow safety conditions and do not abide by traffic rules.

Shops burgled

A NUMBER of shops in Zahra Complex Salmiya were broken into this week.

Ready-made garment shops, electronic appliances stores and other shops were the targets of the thieves. The glass panels of some of the shops were broken and merchandise and money were stolen.

Police investigations are underway.

ROYAL COURT

Amiri audience

HH the Amir yesterday received the Somali ambassador to Kuwait who was seeking permission to leave the country at the end of his mission.

Amiri cable

HH the Amir sent a cable of congratulations to the King of Malaysia yesterday on his country's National Day.

HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah sent a similar message yesterday to Malaysian Prime Minister Mahatir Bin Mohammed.

Crown Prince audiences

HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah yesterday received Minister of Labour and Social Affairs Sheikh Nasser Mohammed, Education Minister and acting Higher Education Minister Anwar Abdullah Al Nouri, Kuwaiti Ambassador to the United States Sheikh Saad Nasser Al Saud, and the head of the Popular Conference for Lebanese Islamic and National Forces Kamal Shattila.

HH also received a number of citizens in the public diwan.

KUWAIT PRESS DIGEST

Amir's speech praised

A KUWAITI weekly magazine yesterday praised the speech of HH the Amir on Namibia's day, saying that it reflects the Amir's support to the causes of oppressed people, particularly those in Namibia, Palestine and others who are fighting to restore their rights.

The weekly added that the Amir's address "hurled the stones of right at these odious regimes."

The weekly considered the Amir's address as a human rights document and said that the Kuwaiti leader's defence of the Namibian peoples right to enjoy freedom and independence under the leadership of its legitimate representative — SWAPO — is a defence of every oppressed people.

The Amir's speech was addressed to the United Nations last Friday on behalf of Kuwait and the Organisation of Islamic Conference.

Iran trying to prolong negotiations

A LOCAL daily yesterday accused Iran of trying to put stumbling blocks in the way of the Geneva talks with its war foe, Iraq, saying that Tehran will not hesitate to push the negotiations into trouble now that the war is over and United Nations' observers have been deployed along the war fronts.

The daily Al Rai Al Aam, in a front-page editorial, said that the thorniest problem of the talks relates to their common borders of the Shatt Al Arab Waterway. The newspaper said that Iran uses this point to prolong negotiations.

The paper said the eight-year-old war has created numerous problems which cannot be resolved in a day or two. The Iranians, who are still trying to justify their acceptance of UN Resolution 598, seem to be trying to wear down the Iraqi negotiating team.

"The war phase has been terminated once and for all and there is no talk of a response in implementing the ceasefire resolution or getting back to any military activity, on land or in the air, but that does not mean that everything is over and scores have been settled and bills have been paid," the newspaper concluded.

Soccer star to quit

SALAH Al Hasawi, the main striker of Al Kuwait Club and the Kuwait National Football Team is retiring, according to Ahmad Al Najdi, secretary general of Al Kuwait Sports Club.

Al Najdi said that the board of directors of the club recently accepted Al Hasawi's request to retire from local and international soccer.

The board tried to persuade the player not to retire, but realised his need to quit for personal and family reasons.

Al Najdi hinted that one of the reasons Al Hasawi is retiring is the quarrel last season between Al Kuwait and Fahaheel clubs during an Amiri Cup match. Hasawi suffered a head injury in the fight, Al Najdi said.

US envoy

MINISTER of State for Foreign Affairs Saoud Al Osumi yesterday received the US Ambassador to Kuwait Wilson N. Hawell.

Bilateral relations and regional developments were discussed at the meeting.

Tunisian PM receives Kuwaiti envoy

TUNIS, Aug 31, (KUNA): Tunisian Prime Minister Ali Haddad last night received the Kuwaiti Ambassador to Tunisia Abdel Milsin Nasser Al Jijan.

Al Jijan told Kuwaiti News Agency (KUNA) that he conveyed greetings from HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah to Ali Haddad.

Discussions centred on bilateral relations and issues in Arab and international arenas.

Mazidi meets new envoys

MINISTER of State for Service Affairs Issa Al Mazidi yesterday received Kuwait's newly-appointed Ambassador to Japan Abdel Aziz Al Sharikh, and the new Ambassador to Belgium Ahmad Al Ibrahim.

Al Mazidi discussed means of boosting relations with these countries, especially in civil aviation, air transport and harbours.

Benson & Hedges Management Challenge

THERE is a significant increase in the number of entries in the 1988 Benson & Hedges Management Challenge, according to Mike Arnold, the organiser.

Forty-eight teams have made it to the Country Finals, which will be held in eight locations in the GCC region during September.

In addition to the nationally high number of entries from banks and large companies, entrants this year include supermarkets, fast food operators, hotel managers and telecommunications companies.

During September, organisers will visit eight cities in the Gulf to run the competitions and announce the Country Winners in each location.

Each competing team in the Country Finals will be given the opportunity to manage the computer-simulated development of a business operation and to steer the project in hand in greater success — keeping one step ahead of their competitors.

The Grand Finals in November will be in Malaysia and for the first time, each finalist will receive a gold medal.

Additionally, eventual winners will receive a portfolio of the gold shares worth \$10,000 (for each member of the winning team) a Benson & Hedges Gold Medal of 22ct Gold and a Benson & Hedges Management Challenge Award for the company represented by the winning team.

The Indian School, Kuwait (Pre-primary branch, Salmiya)

The Pre-primary branch of the Indian School at Salmiya will re-open on **Saturday, 17th September '88**, at the usual time, instead of 4th September '88, due to repairs & renovation of the school building. Parents are requested to note the changed date.

DIRECTOR

EVENTS

WHAT'S ON

ARTS

Kuwait Science Museum
The museum will be open to the public every evening from 5 pm and from 9 am on Friday.
Islamic Arts Museum
The museum, located on Arab Gulf Street, is open from 8.30 am to 12.30 noon and 4.30 to 7.30 pm, Saturday to Thursday. A collection of the finest Islamic art objects are on show.
Tarek Rajab Museum
The museum in Jahriya houses a collection of Islamic art, costumes and jewellery from the Muslim world. Summer timings are 9 am to 12 noon and 4 to 7 pm, Sat. thru Thurs. On Friday the museum is open only in the mornings.

SOCIAL

Kuwait Goons Beat Show
The Kuwait Goons Beat Show will be held on Oct. 14, 3.30 pm, at the IAC, Fumaites. The four-hour show will feature six popular groups - City Limits, 5th Avenue, Perfect Stranger, Stepping Stones and Top Ranks.
Welcome Back To Kuwait
The Sounds Great organisation will hold a "Welcome Back to Kuwait" dance party at the Messiah Beach hotel on Sept. 29, at 8 pm. Music by the Sounds Great bands. For reservations and further details ring: Ken Winston or Adolf 57402567 or 5758870. Newcomers to Kuwait are particularly welcome.

Country Western Musical
The American Community Theatre is rounding up singers, dancers and musicians for their annual Country and Western musical, to be held at the end of September. Interested talents, contact Nancy Parker 2523911 ext. 2346, 5725071 (evenings) or Nola Anderson 2428366.

Sounds Great
Auditions will be held on Sept. 15-17 for singers and dancers for the next Sounds Great show, to be held at the Salmiyah cinema on Oct. 19-22. For details ring Ken Winston or Adolf 57402567 or 5758870.

Y.M.C.A.
The Y.M.C.A. will present the "Come September Ball" at the Kuwait Sheraton Hotel on September 18, 8 pm. High lights include the selection of the "Queen of Queens". Top Ranks and Stepping Stones will be in attendance. For reservations, contact J. D'Sa at 2450279, 3981790, 3924639.

Indian Ballet
Narhana, a dance troupe led by Mohiniyattam exponent Mrs. Pramila Sundran, will stage a ballet, Panchavadi, and a number of Nrithaslipas at its annual show, Nrithaslipas, at the Indian Arts Circle, on Sept. 22 at 7.00 pm. Admission will be strictly limited; for free passes, call 4337608.

Varca Sporting Centre
Varca Sporting Centre will hold their third annual social evening at the Tent SAS hotel on Sept. 22 at 8.00 pm. Music will be provided by Top Ranks and Stepping Stones. For

reservations and further details, contact Roland 2430581 or James 5331940.

HOTELS

At the Ramada
Le Mirage Night Club: Thursday night barbecue, full buffet and entertainment by the Al Arz band. Al Bender coffee shop offers continental and Arabic buffets for breakfast, lunch and dinner from 6 am to midnight; a la carte available. Al Gandouli Grill Garden, open 7 pm to midnight, features a selection of grilled specialties. The Open Garden has a selection of teas, coffees, and juices; Arguilla water pipe available; videos shown on large screen every day. Open every day 7 pm to 11 pm.
Fish and Chips shop open from 4 pm to 11 pm nightly. Take away counter, open daily 4 pm to 11 pm, offers a selection of Arabic sandwiches and snacks, from 4 pm to 11 pm daily.

At the Hilton
Weekend entertainment at the Hilton includes a mini barbecue on Friday by the garden pool for you and your family. Enjoy fresh salads, charcoal grilled steaks, skewered meat, chicken and other items. Or you can enjoy a leisurely lunch on Friday at La Palma Restaurant and treat yourself to a variety of dishes, salads and desserts while listening to music played by the Magnetic Quartet. The lunch buffet is open from 12 noon to 3 pm. La Patisserie is promoting kiwi fruit. Kiwi cakes, meringue pies, cheese cakes, juices and other items are offered in addition to cold drinks, cocktails and ice cream creations. Open from 10.30 am to 10.45 pm.

At the Kuwait Plaza
The Al Dallah coffee shop offers buffet breakfast, lunch and dinner, as well as a set menu mini-business lunch. Ice-cream festival at the International Food Arcade, 4 to 10 pm; light snacks also available; open 10.00 am to 11.00 pm.
Enjoy Turkish cuisine, a la carte, at the Bosphorus restaurant. Open for lunch and dinner every day except Saturday.

The Marco Polo restaurant offers Italian food, live music and a candlelight atmosphere.
At Messiah Beach
Al Mubarakiyah restaurant, open 24 hours, offers buffet breakfast, lunch and dinner, as well as a variety of snacks. On Friday, a special buffet "A Go Go" is offered.
At the Holiday Inn
One of the most popular places for dining is the Al Aradus Night Club. Dance on the glass dance floor and enjoy food and entertainment. Join the Friday brunch and enjoy real entertainment from 11 am to 3 pm. Al Ahmadi Coffee Shop offers international buffet meals at lunch and dinner from 6 am to 1 am; a la carte also available. Fresh pastries and cakes are offered daily at the Venues Cafe. The Hanging Babylon Gardens are an ideal place to relax with friends.

At the Sheraton
Enjoy Italian cuisine and live entertainment by the Sienna's Duo at the Riccardo restaurant. Riccardo's is closed for lunch on Fridays.

Al Hambra features a brunch buffet on Fridays, night. The Marcus Band provides live entertainment.

Every Thursday dine in a typical Lebanese atmosphere in Le Tarbouche. Special lunch and dinner buffets are offered to patrons of Le Tarbouche on Friday.

The Coffee Shop offers a large variety of international cuisine including a daily special.
Experience Italian hospitality in the Riccardo Restaurant with live entertainment by the Sienna Duo. The Riccardo is closed for lunch on Friday.

At the Continental
The Gardenia, open from 7 am to midnight, offers buffets featuring Arabic, Continental and Indian food at dinner on Thursday and at lunch on Friday.
The Darbar offers lunch buffet every Thursday. A la carte for dinner.

SPORTS

14th Winners Cup cricket tournament
The W.M.C.A. will hold the All Kuwait Open 14th Winners Cup cricket tournament, beginning Sept. 16. It will be played on Fridays and holidays at the Ahmadi Governorate ground located behind the Computer Centre. Teams wishing to participate can contact Joe D'Sa, Tel: 3981790, 3-5 pm; 3924639, 5-8 pm.

PSAK Meeting
The officers of the Philippines Bowlers Association in Kuwait will hold a meeting on Monday, Sept. 5, at Far East Restaurant at 7.45 pm sharp. Topics to be discussed include forthcoming PSAK inter-commercial bowling tournament to be held on Sept. 9 at 300 Club at 9 am. Revised rules and regulations will be distributed to all team captains. Fees must be settled. All team captains are requested to attend the meeting. For details contact PSAK Director Sarah Macarimbang Tel: 4843447.

Masters Bowling Tournament
Semi-finals and final rounds for the Masters tournament for men and women will be held on Thursday, 6.30 pm, Sept. 1, and Friday, 9 am, Sept. 2. Forty-eight top bowlers will play in the men's division on Thursday. Eight players will play in the women's division on Friday. All qualifiers must come on Thursday, at 3.00 Club, behind US Embassy.

Sabah Trophy Meeting
The Sabah Cricket Tournament's organising committee will hold a general meeting on Sept. 1, 7.30 pm, at Ala Restaurant, Sharq. All participating teams are requested to attend. For details phone Naseem Khurshid - 4815077 ext. 513.

Salcette United
The Salcette United Sports Centre will hold their third annual Gold Cup Football Tournament starting Sept. 9. Those interested may contact Peter 2434415 or Mariano 4744150 after 5 pm, before Sept. 1. The draw will be held on Sept. 2 at 9 am, at the Phoenix hotel.

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

9.00 Holy Quran
9.15 Good Morning
9.30 Space Adventurer: cartoon serial
10.15 8 Harat Al Bahar: daily serial
11.00 News Summary followed by songs and music.
11.15 Al Raheel Sabayya: local serial. Starring: Khalid Al Nafisi, Suad Abdullah, Ghanem Al Saleh, Maryam Al Saleh, Al Buraiki.
12.00 News Summary
12.15 Cultural Film
1.00 News Summary
1.05 World News via Satellite
1.40 Araq Al Daliyah: Arabic series.
3.35 Heidi: cartoons
4.15 The Saint: featuring Roger Moore
5.00 Liqa Al Khamis: weekly roundup of local events.
7.15 Al Furusiya Wal Zaman.
7.45 With Islam
8.30 Wa Qalat Al Arab: Arabesque serial
9.00 News in Arabic
10.00 Khayoot Al Ank-ahoot: Arabic feature film, starring Mahmoud Yassin, Noora, Raghad, Omar Al Harairi, Majdi Wahba, Aghniya Mukhtara: variety show
1.30 News Summary
1.35 World News via Satellite/Holy Quran



I Married Dora, comedy, at 9.30 pm, KTV 2 tonight.

run/Closedown

FRIDAY
9.00 Holy Quran
9.15 Cartoons
9.30 Space Adventures: cartoon serial
10.15 Al Saif Mafkoud: weekly serial for children, featuring Abdul Aziz Haddad, Ahmad Hazim, Alif Mufeddi, Awatif Muhammad.
10.45 Al Kalimah Tayyihah: religious programme
11.15 Friday Prayer
12.25 Al Rida Wal Noor: religious show
1.35 INTERVAL
2.00 Songs and Music
2.30 Hadith: Deeni: weekly religious talk by Sheikh Mohammad Mutwalli Shariawi
3.30 Hikayat Hub: Arabic feature film, starring

Abdul Halim Hafez, Maryam Fakhrudin, Abdul Salam Nahlusi, Mahmood Milaji
5.45 Cartoons
7.00 Kuwait in a Week: Islamic Art in Morocco, prepared and presented by Adnan Al Ramhi.
8.30 KTV Programmes' Preview
9.00 News in Arabic
9.50 Wrestling
10.50 Nasseh: weekly local serial, starring: Abdullah Hubail, Maryam Saleh, Mohammad Jaber, Khalil Ismail.
12.00 News Summary, followed by Holy Quran and Closedown.

KTV 2

6.00 Holy Quran
6.10 Bionic Six: cartoon series
6.30 Sesame Street: scientific, educational and recreational programme for children.
7.30 Full House: "Our Very First Promo." The family takes on the responsibility of making a film with humorous consequences.
8.00 News in English
8.40 High Mountain Rangers: "A Holy Place to Live." Several campers are trapped after an earthquake in southern Idaho and the rangers form a rescue team.
9.30 I Married Dora:



"Our Very First Promo," Full House, 7.30 pm tonight.

"Where There's A Will..." Peter's unfounded fears of death cause concern among the family.
10.00 The Hit Squad: practical jokes, intrigues and sneaky hits captured through the hidden camera.
10.30 Late Night Movie: "Missing Children: A Mother's Story." Starring: Marie Winingham, Polly Holliday.
12.00 News summary/Magazine d'Actualite/Closedown

FRIDAY

2.00 Holy Quran
2.10 Cartoons
2.30 Sports Studio
6.00 Foo Fur
6.30 Walt Disney Film
7.30 The Bay City Rollers Show: songs, bu-

morous discussions and a short story for children
8.00 News in English
8.30 Summer '88
8.40 "Once a Hero": pilot episode of new series about the tug of war between good and evil revolving around Captain Justice who fights Black Jack.
9.30 227: Sandra's mother pays an unexpected visit. Comedy.
10.00 Guinness Records.
10.30 Tour of Duty: "Brothers, Fathers." A look at the problem of orphans.
11.30 News summary/Magazine d'Actualite/Closedown

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Sandra's mother pays an unexpected visit, Flat 227, Friday's comedy feature at 9.30 pm on KTV 2.



Tour of Duty, 10.30 pm on Friday, KTV 2.

Language Extra on BBC

WHY does a newsreader speak more slowly than a racing-commentator? Which of the two do you find more intelligible? And would it surprise you to learn that you can probably read at twice the speed at which the racing-commentator speaks? Joining writer, broadcaster and English language teacher Francis Halliwell in the first of six programmes on BBC World Service on aspects of language are Michael Jackson, director of the Hospital for Speech Sciences in London, and Klaus Kohler, a phonetician from

Kiel University in Germany. (Sept. 5). As we go through life we're called by a variety of unofficial names. Special intimate names might be used within families, or between close friends, but there are a host of other names used by people we meet - sir, madam... Guest Leslie Dunlingworth has unearthed 17,000 different terms of address. (Sept. 19). Language Extra can be heard on BBC on Mondays 2115 GMT, rep. Tuesdays, 0145, 0703 GMT.

PRAYERS

Fajr 4.03 am
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NIGHT CHEMIST

Kuwait
Al Jahra Pharmacy
Fahd Al Salem St.
Al Hakim Pharmacy
Jaber Al Mubarak St., Sbarq.
Hawalli and Negra
Al Kamal Pharmacy
Tunis St., Hawalli
Salamiya and Rumeithiya
Al Maidan Pharmacy
Haroun Al Rashid Bldg., Baghdad St.
Fahad and Ahmadi
Al Wafa Pharmacy
Dabbous Palace, Dabbous St., Fheel
Khalitan
Khalitan Pharmacy
Ibrahim Bin Adham St.
Jahra
Al Noor Pharmacy
Abdul Aziz, Nasrullah Bldg., Matafi St.

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Al Loola Pharmacy
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Al Quds Pharmacy
Abdul Karim Maz Al Bldg., Amman St.
Fahad and Ahmadi
Al Jazira Pharmacy
Hmoud Sanwan Rashidi Bldg., Main St.
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Al Zahra Pharmacy
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CINEMA TODAY

Al Andalus
Action Jackson
Starring: Carol Wades
Al Sabaiya
Roller Boogie
Starring: Linda Blair
Al Hamra
Rambo III
Starring: Sylvester Stallone
Drive-in
Al Kamasha (Arabic)
Starring: Mahmood Yassin, Bosi, Shwekar
Al Firdous
Kali Ghata (Hindi)
Starring: Shashi Kapoor, Rekha
Fahad and Ahmadi
Maut Ki Ladai (Hindi)
Al Fahad
Chand Suraj (Bengali)
Al Jahra
Asdiqah (Arabic)
Granada
The Running Man
Sulabikhat
Ponnu (Malayalam)
Al Jleeb
Shiv Shakti (Hindi)
Ahmadi Drive-in
Darb Al Jad'an (Arabic)
FRIDAY
Al Jahra
Puma Man
Granada
Sberni (Hindi)
Sulabikhat
Cherry 2000
Al Jleeb
Zulm Ki Zanjeer (Hindi)

Secrets of the Lens

BRITISH photographers share the secrets and skills of their medium in a series of new programmes on BBC's World Service this month. BBC is also holding a photographic competition to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the invention of photography.
The presenter of BBC's Mastering Photography is Colin Ford, keeper of Britain's National Museum of Photography, Film and Television.
In the first of four programmes Colin talks to Lord Snowdon (family occasions), Heather Angel (animals and flowers), Eamonn McCabe (sport and topical events) and Fay Godwin (landscape).
The subject of the competition is simply "Home" - it's up to you to interpret the meaning or the spirit of that word in as wide a sense as you like.
The judges won't be looking for the most technically advanced photograph, but for the one which most successfully captures the essence of home.
The first prize is the latest in sophisticated and computerised cameras with accessories, and there are also two other prizes to be won. The results will be announced next spring.
For entry forms and full details of the rules of the competition, write to Mastering Photography, BBC Bush House, Aldwych, London WC2B 4PH.



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0800 Easy Listening
0830 News
0840 Easy Listening
1000 Songs and Music
1100 Country and Western
1200 Songs and Music
1300 Easy Listening
1330 News
1400 Alan Al Naghm: Classical Music
1400 Easy Listening
1700 Arabic Songs and Music
1800 Party Music
1900 Songs and Heard
2000 Party Music
2130 News
2145 Party Music
0200 Closedown

FRIDAY

0800 Easy Listening
0830 News
0840 Easy Listening
1000 Songs and Music
1100 Country and Western
1200 Songs and Music
1300 Easy Listening
1330 News on FM
1340 Easy Listening
1300 Classical Hour
1600 Easy Listening
1700 Arabic Instrumental Music
1800 Pops
1900 International Top 20
2000 News
2145 Pops
2300 Easy Listening
2400 Instrumental Listening

BBC World Services

0000 World News
09 News about Britain
15 Radio Newsworld
30 Fadden Archers
0100 News Summary followed by Outlook
30 Waveguide
40 Book Choice
45 Society Today
0200 World News
09 British Press Review
15 Network UK
30 Churchill the Historian (ex 22nd and 29th Legacy of the Sixties)
0300 World News
09 News about Britain

RADIO PROGRAMMES

15 The World Today
30 The Cross and the Crescent (ex 29th Every Poem an Epiphany)
0400 Newsworld
30 Sportsweek (ex 1st and 8th Classical Record Review)
45 Reflections
30 Financial News
0500 World News
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
30 Pople's Choice
45 The World Today
0600 Newsworld
30 Time for Verse
45 The Farming World
0700 World News
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
30 Just Plain Madness (ex 1st and 8th Guitar Workshop)
45 Network UK
0800 World News
09 Reflections
15 Country Style (ex 15th Sportsweek)
30 John Peel
0900 World News
09 British Press Review
15 The World Today
30 Financial News followed by Sport
45 Society Today (ex 22nd and 29th Sportsweek)
1000 News Summary followed by Churchill the Historian (ex 22nd and 29th Legacy of the Sixties)
30 Fadden Archers
1100 World News
09 News about Britain
15 New Ideas
25 Book Choice
30 Citizens
1200 Radio Newsworld
15 Multitrack 2
45 Sports Roundup
1300 World News
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
30 Network UK (ex 22nd and 29th Sportsweek)
45 Folk in Britain (ex 8th and 22nd Jazz Scene UK)
1400 Outlook, opening with 5-Minute News
1500 Radio Newsworld
15 The Pleasure's Yours
1600 World News
09 News about Britain
15 Churchill the Historian (ex

22nd and 29th Legacy of the Sixties)
0400 Newsworld
30 The World Today
0500 World News
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
15 Citizens
45 Sports Roundup
1800 Newsworld
30 Discovery (ex 1st The Pop Science Programme)
1900 Outlook, opening with News summary
30 Stock Market Report
45 Here's Humphrey (ex 22nd and 29th Sportsweek)
2000 World News
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
30 Meridian
2100 News Summary followed by Talking From...
15 A Jolly Good Show
2200 World News
09 The World Today
25 Book Choice
30 Financial News
45 Reflections
45 Sports Roundup
2300 World News
09 Commentary
15 Seven Seas
30 Time for Verse
45 The Farming World
Friday
0800 World News
09 News about Britain
15 Radio Newsworld
30 Music Now
0100 News Summary followed by Outlook
30 Folk in Britain (ex 8th and 22nd Jazz Scene UK)
45 Talking From...
0200 World News
09 British Press Review
15 Health Matters (ex 30th Tech Talk)
30 Citizens
0300 World News
09 News about Britain
15 The World Today
30 The Village Chart Show
0400 Newsworld
30 Country Style (ex 22nd and 29th Sportsweek)
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30 Mastering Photography (ex 2nd Three Wishes)

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1800 Newsworld
30 Discovery (ex 1st The Pop Science Programme)
1900 Outlook, opening with News summary
30 Stock Market Report
45 Here's Humphrey (ex 22nd and 29th Sportsweek)
2000 World News
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
30 Meridian
2100 News Summary followed by 2nd and 9th Guitar Workshop (16th and 30th Jodie Plain Madness; 23rd The Third Policeman)
1000 News Summary followed by 2nd and 9th Guitar Workshop (16th and 30th Jodie Plain Madness; 23rd The Third Policeman)
15 Seven Seas
30 Jazz for the Aching (ex 2nd and 9th Five Faces of Jazz)
1100 World News
09 News about Britain
15 Talking From...
30 Meridian
1200 Radio Newsworld
15 Europe's World
30 Business Matters
45 Sports Roundup
1300 World News
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
30 John Peel (ex 23rd and 30th Sportsweek)
45 23rd and 30th only John Peel
1400 Outlook, opening with 5-Minute News
15 Europe's World
30 Business Matters
45 Sports Roundup
1500 Radio Newsworld
15 From Raj to Rajiv (ex 2nd and 30th Star Tracks)
2400 Closedown
Urdu
1900 Opening
1910 Behetreen Qaul
1916 Programme Preview
1920 Songs
1935 Press Report
1940 Ferchayani
2000 News
2020 Songs
2040 Radio Magazine
2100 Closedown

15 (2nd only) Outlook, opening with News Summary
30 Stock Market Report (ex 2nd Outlook contd; 9th and 10th Sportsweek)
45 (2nd only) Outlook contd; 9th and 10th Sportsweek)
56 (2nd only) Stock Market Report
2000 World News
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
30 Science in Action
2100 News Summary followed by Network UK
15 Europe's World
30 Business Matters
45 Where Angels Fear to Tread (ex 22nd and 30th Maududi Days)
English
Morning
0800 Opening
0805 Songs and Music
0805 Point of View
0820 Songs and Music
0830 News
0840 Songs and Music
0845 Daily Programme
0900 Pop International
0930 Your Kind of Music
1000 Our Press Today
1005 Songs and Music
1030 The Hit Makers
1100 Closedown
1130 News on FM Service
Evening
2100 Opening
2102 Songs and Music
2130 News
2145 Point of View
2155 Songs and Music
2200 Understanding the Holy Quran
2215 Sounds of the Eighties
2245 Daily Programme
2300 The Way You Like It
2330 Star Tracks
2400 Closedown

ARAB TIMES

Thought for today

THE man who listens to reason is lost. Reason enslaves all whose minds are not strong enough to master her — George Bernard Shaw, Irish-born playwright (1856-1950).

Severing ties with West Bank

King Hussein made a clever move

By Joseph C. Harsch

WASHINGTON: In chess a normal early move is to "castle," a special move that puts the king into a right — or left-hand corner in a powerful defensive position. In Palestine King Hussein of Jordan improved his defences in a similar manner.

He, like everyone else who watches the complex Middle East situation, has seen the gradual buildup in Israel of an idea about a way to escape from its demographic dilemma.

Israel wants the West Bank and Gaza, but dare not move to annex those territories with their 1,659,000 Arabs. To do so, and grant citizenship to those Arabs (which annexation implies), would bring shrillingly near the time when Arabs would outnumber Jews in Israel.

There are about 700,000 Arabs in the present state of Israel. Add those to the Arabs of the West Bank and Gaza and there would then be 2,360,000 Arabs, which is getting close to the total number of Jews in those combined territories.

Officially there are about 3.5 million Jews in Israel proper and 50,000 to 60,000 more in the occupied territories. But at least 400,000 of the Jews officially counted in Israel actually live in the United States. Also, more Jews have been leaving Israel than arriving there.

Outnumber
If Israel were to grant citizenship to all the Arabs of the West Bank and Gaza, with their high birthrate, they would outnumber the Jews by the end of the century, if not sooner.

How can Israel have the lands without the people?

So long as Hussein claimed the West Bank, which was ruled as part of the Kingdom of Jordan from 1948 until 1967, and continued to treat its Arab citizens as citizens of Jordan, the Israelis could claim that Palestinians deported from the West Bank to

Jordan were not being transported to a foreign country (illegal under international law) but merely being moved from one part of their country to another.

Israel calls Jordan a "Palestinian" state. Its propaganda increasingly plays with the idea that the Palestinians already have a state of their own in Jordan. The demand has long been strong among radical Zionists for the "transfer" of substantial number of West Bank and Gaza Arabs out of those territories, thus clearing the way for Israel to take it all. The idea has been pushed for some time among pro-Israel Americans.

The King's move puts a barrier in the way of any such solution to the problem of the Palestinian Arabs. The King identifies the West Bank and Gaza as being a separate place inhabited by a separate people. They have been asserting their independence and their separate identity for nine months now, by fighting for it in the streets, and dying for it daily, at the hands of Israeli soldiers.

Government
The King proposes that these self-identified Palestinians now form a provisional government of their own in exile. He will be happy to let that government reside in Jordan if it wishes. But he wants a truly Palestinian (West Bank and Gaza) political organization to speak for the Palestinians. He himself will not in the future negotiate for them.

This puts an end to the idea long held in Washington that they would negotiate over the West Bank and Gaza with Hussein, who might, in return for past and future American "benevolence," be willing to settle for terms less favourable to the Palestinians than they themselves would expect.

But it also takes away from Israel the argument that they could deport a lot of Arabs to Jordan without being in overt violation of international law. The Christian Science Monitor News Service.

Treatment delayed is disease aggravated

SIR: This refers to a study by the director of the Amiri Hospital, Dr Abdi Al Ghanim, as reported in Arab Times of July 12. The study indicated that out of the 1,600 patients who responded to a questionnaire, 50 per cent complained of "a very long" wait to see their doctor. The delay may be due to the long wait — weeks or months — for an appointment with a doctor or waiting for hours on the appointed day.

Following the familiar proverb that "justice delayed is justice denied," it can be said in the relevant context that "treatment delayed is disease aggravated and agony prolonged." Rather in certain circumstances it might even amount to treatment denied.

I am not sure whether this situation is due to a shortage of qualified doctors. Whatever be the reasons, the wait means getting inadequate attention from the doctor.

As in the case of many other people, I have had several experiences, of which I refer to one or two to illustrate the point.

On June 20, I went, by appointment, to the out-

patient department of the Sina Eye Hospital. After a wait of four hours, my turn came at 12.00 noon. My eyes were dilated, drops being put every 10-15 minutes, whereas I am told by a very qualified and experienced eye specialist that this interval should be 30-45 minutes for desired results. Apparently the time factor was a constraint, as the OPD closes at 1 pm.

The doctor concerned examined, in a hurry again, and in a rather rough manner and I was dismissed in a few minutes with a long wait again.

I was not the only sufferer. I could see there were many others around, several of them hovering around the door of the doctors' chambers, exhausted by hours of waiting, the appointment itself having materialised after weeks.

A similar situation prevails, by and large, at the out-patient department of the Amiri Hospital.

However, I would like to contrast the situation with at least one medical institution, namely, the Dental Centre of the Amiri Hospital. At the Dental Centre's endodontic department, where I had my last

appointment on Feb 15, I was able to get treatment practically at the appointed time.

Indeed, this system of making patients visit at an appointed time eliminates crowding and helps patients to adjust their other engagements.

Most patients work during the day and it would certainly be appreciated if they are spared the long wait and other discomforts. If the Dental Centre can manage to maintain appointments others should be able to do so and a similar system should be introduced at other medical institutions.

Dr A. Halder, Falha.

No rules broken

SIR: This refers to the appeal by Kerala Chief Minister E. K. Nayanar seeking contributions for the people affected by the Perumon train crash.

Some members of the Indian community in Kuwait with the help of two opposition members of the Kerala assembly launched a propaganda campaign against the appeal. The propaganda campaign helped only to create misunderstanding among the Indians.

The opposition says that the contribution to the distress

relief fund is unconstitutional and illegal.

But, according to the inquiries I made, it is clear that the chief minister broke no rules. In fact, the Indian government and the Reserve Bank of India welcome foreign money which is sent legally.

Teena Merin Sam, Safat.

Mischievous comments

SIR: The comments of the Regional Director of Air India for the Middle East, S. Ranga Rao (AT, Aug 24) regarding direct flight to Goa is mischievous and prejudiced against the Goan community and its neighbours. Or is Rao telling us that the nationalisation of the airline has brought its efficiency to such a low point that at current level it requires 80 per cent average occupancy throughout the year for the sector to break even?

Being quite familiar with the air travel business for some time and myself being a frequent traveller, I would be surprised if Air India, or for that matter, any other international airline could name any sector that has consistently recorded 80 per cent occupancy throughout the year.

I would like to add further that any sector from Kuwait should have a break-even point of at least 15 per cent below the normal. Hence an efficient airline should break even at about 35 per cent occupancy, operating on this sector fares.

It is common knowledge that Kuwait/Delhi flights have been operating for several years, below 15 per cent occupancy and not even the Kuwait/Trivandrum flight operates above 70 per cent occupancy for any three months clibbed together, let alone a whole year.

If the Air India authorities cancel the Goa flight, we will understand it is for the political exigencies and not the economic factors, but there was no need to cook up cock-and-hull stories.

Wilson Rodrigues, Safat.

Sad demise

SIR: The sudden death of President Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq of Pakistan shocked the entire world. Muslims all over the world paid special tributes to him. His efforts to bring the Muslim world closer were admirable. May his soul rest in peace.

M.S. Sulehry, Safat.



Reduce air fares

SIR: I appeal to the management of all airlines in Kuwait to reduce their air fares during the Olympic Games which will start on Sept 17 in Seoul.

Those who are interested in the Games should not be deprived of going to Seoul because of expensive air fares. Olympic Games should not be the monopoly of only the rich. All should get a fair chance to see the Olympics.

Y.G. Seshareddy, Safat.

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Environmentalists gain popularity in Sweden

By Helene Murdoch

STOCKHOLM, Sweden, (AP): Dying seals and a massive bloom of slimy algae off Sweden's coast, could prove to be a political threat to the long-ruling Social Democrats in this month's parliamentary elections.

Analysts say environmental mishaps that struck Sweden this summer have added to the popularity of the Environment Party, also known as Sweden's Greens, as public discontent grows with the political establishment.

Five parties have been permanent fixtures in the Riksdag, or parliament, for the last 60 years. Now the Environment Party could break into that tightly knit political club and upset the delicate balance of Swedish politics.

"The voters have lost confidence in the established parties," said Soren Holmberg, professor of political science at the University of Gothenburg. "The environment has become an issue of explosive political effect that may lead to voters changing parties."

The five parties are arrayed into left-wing and right-wing blocs in the 349-seat Riksdag in a so-far unbreakable pattern. The Social Democratic Party, usually with the support of the tiny Communist Party, has been in power for 50 of the last 56 years.

At present the Social Democrats have 159 seats and the Communists 19. The right-wing bloc consists of the Conservative Party with 76 seats, the Centre Party with 44 and the Liberal Party with 31.

The Environment Party, which also calls itself the Greens in line with similar groups elsewhere in Europe, now has a chance to overturn the system of five-party politics.

In this month's election, the Social Democrats will face, in addition to the Greens challenge, the effects of a scandal over the government's backing for a free-lance investigation into the

unsolved 1986 murder of Prime Minister Olof Palme.

The Environment Party is aiming for a role "in which they can balance in other directions," said Holmberg. It is refusing to say which bloc it would support if it gets into the legislature. Both blocs have said they wouldn't form a coalition with the Greens, and the Greens say they wouldn't seek such an alliance.

One possible outcome of the election, especially if the Communists fall to such the 4 per cent minimum for parliament membership, would be a minority government with the Greens voting according to individual issues.

The ecological problems that have strengthened the Greens include a plague that decimated herds of harbour seals in northern Europe and a 35-mile (55-km)-wide algae bloom that drifted southward from Norway, suffocating tons of fish along the way.

Nightly scenes on television of seal corpses washed up onto dirty beaches "have done wonders" for the Greens, Holmberg said in an interview.

When it ran the first time in 1982, the Environment Party won 1.7 per cent of the votes, falling short of the 4 per cent threshold needed for entry into the legislature. Three years later it failed again to gain entry, polling 1.5 per cent.

But the latest poll by the Swedish Institute of Public Opinion Research (SIPO) gives the Greens 8 per cent of the votes.

Problems

The poll of 995 adults showed that 75 per cent of those questioned listed the environment as the most important election issue, and 35 per cent believed the Environment Party had the best ideas for solving ecological problems.

Eva Goes, pronounced "goes," one of the two party leaders, has emerged during the election campaign as Sweden's Mrs. Clean.

Rallies staged by the party

have a near-religious fervour. One gathering in the small community of Balsä, 40 kms (29 miles) west of Stockholm, opened with a hymn of peace, bread and health teas, and ended with Goes singing "A hymn to nature."

Goes said it was not incidental that most of the people attending the rally were women.

"Women have a stronger feeling for future generations than men do. Men often lack the comprehensive view that women have," she told the Associated Press.

Goes turned to politics from personal tragedy. After giving birth to a retarded son, she said, she wanted to change the world. It boiled down for her to the question of nuclear power.

"I was made aware of how vulnerable society is and how little prepared it is to deal with an emergency," she said.

The other main Green leader is Birger Schlaug.

The party wants to shut down Sweden's nuclear power stations immediately, and rely on coal and oil while cleaner energy sources are explored. The government is committed to stopping nuclear power, which now provides half of Sweden's energy, by the year 2010.

Its nuclear policy is similar to that of the Centre Party on the right and the Communist Party on the left. Both parties have bitterly accused the Greens of stealing their ideas and political flanks.

But the Greens are drawing support because they belong to basically a one-issue party. "The voters don't seem to know, or to care, about the views of the Environment Party when it comes to other issues, some of which are very controversial," Holmberg said.

He mentioned as an example the party's proposal for a compulsory two-year leave of absence from work for new parents — one year each for the mother and the father. Parental leave is now one year for either parent, and is optional.

Dead hero and his daughter help unite Burmese opposition

By Denis D. Gray

BANGKOK, Thailand, (AP): A near-legendary hero, assassinated 40 years ago, and his expatriate daughter are helping to unify the vast but potentially chaotic anti-government forces in Burma.

The fact that someone long deceased and a housewife with no political experience are commanding such attention indicates the lack of alternatives to 26 years of authoritarian rule. It also testifies to the enduring, tragic mystique of Aung San, the leader of Burma's independence struggle, who was gunned down at age 32.

Some media reports have already compared his daughter, Aung San Suu Kyi, with Philippine President Corason Aquino and Benazir Bhutto of Pakistan — women from "traditionally" prominent families who led or lead opposition forces.

The 43-year-old daughter last week drew crowds of up to 400,000 to hear her call for democracy. Some diplomats and Burmese analysts believe she will be a transitional figure who could help unify disparate groups and prevent a plunge into anarchy.

Thrust

Aung San's daughter was thrust unwittingly into the political arena after coming to Rangoon from her home in England last April to care for her ailing mother.

"She saw all the commotion and turmoil, the rioting and demonstrators getting killed," said Burmese emigre spokesman Max McGrath in London. "She must have been affected



Aung San Suu Kyi

emotionally, especially when demonstrators carried pictures of her father at the head of the procession."

In an interview with Britain's television Channel 4 last week, she said she had neither plans for a new political party, nor an immediate blueprint for Burma's future beyond an interim People's Consultative Committee leading to democracy.

While her programme sounded vague, her presence stirred strong emotions.

"It's like if George Washington's son had come along in 1830 and said, 'I'd like to be president of the United States.' It would have a certain ring to it," said British Burma expert Robert H. Taylor.

Washington was the first president of the United States after helping the American colonies win independence from Great Britain in the late 18th century.

Like America's Washington, Aung San fought for independence from Britain. He and the so-called "thirty comrades" vowed to liberate Burma in

blood and marched into their homeland during World War II.

At first, they sided with the Japanese and attacked the allies. They later changed sides, fearing Japanese imperialism.

A complex personality, Aung San is recalled by contemporaries as a sincere, highly principled and simple-minded man who could mix easily with colleagues, then lapse into periods of brooding silence.

After the war, he negotiated successfully with the British government for independence. But months before it was granted, he and a half-dozen other leaders were killed by political assassins who burst into a cabinet meeting with automatic rifles blazing. His death on July 19, 1947, is commemorated as martyr's day.

Aung San Suu Kyi had a fatherly reach, appalled by her father's death. She was educated in Burma and India, where her mother served as ambassador from 1960 to 1967.

Married

She obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree from Oxford University in 1967, worked at United Nations headquarters in New York and, in 1972, married Michael Aris, an Oxford professor and expert on Tibetan culture and the Himalayan region.

This year's demonstrations against a quarter-century of oppressive rule in Burma ended the quiet, private life she had led. Some Burmese also called for the return of her brother, Aung San Oo, a 45-year-old US citizen.

Despite the roasting welcome accorded her, Aung San Suu Kyi is handicapped by her life away from Burma. She is an expatriate with no political experience.

US third parties sally forth again

By Carl Hartman

WASHINGTON, (AP) Americans have a wide choice of candidates for president this year, including two teenage boys and two men who say they are convicts.

There are also some more serious politicians trying to run for president along with Republican George Bush and Democrat Michael Dukakis, the nominees of the two main parties.

But third-party candidates rarely make a good showing in American politics, and this year is likely to be no different than the past.

The most recent candidate from outside the major parties to do well was John Anderson, a former Republican member of the House of Representatives, who ran as an independent in 1980.

Anderson ran as a liberal Republican, endorsing a bill for homosexual rights and saying he would rather see Democrat Edward Kennedy in the White House than Ronald Reagan. He said that if he was elected, his senior advisers would be Democrats, Republicans and independents.

Anderson won 5.7 million votes — 6.6 per cent of the total. Reagan won the election, and Anderson has hardly been heard of since.

Segregation

In 1968, George Wallace ran as an "American independent," winning 9.9 million votes to 31.8 million for Richard Nixon, the winner, and 31.3 million votes for Hubert Humphrey. He was a "states rights" Democrat, and had backed segregation.

The third-party candidate likely to do best this year is Ron Paul, another former Republican Congressman. His Libertarian Party ran third in 1984, reaping 228,314 votes against 54.4 million for the winner, Reagan, and 37.6 million for former Vice-President Walter Mondale.

The Libertarians want to repeal all laws against crimes that do not have a victim, and end taxation of land.

"We should not have tangling foreign alliances," Paul says in his campaign material. "We should have a strong military, but only in the United States."

His phrase echoed Thomas Jefferson's in 1801: "Honest friendship with all nations, entangling alliances with none."

Paul went on: "There is nothing in the constitution to justify the choosing of one true regime over another in a foreign war."

The United States has both a Liberal and a Conservative Party, but they operate largely in the state of New York and have little to do with national politics.

Willia Kenoyer of Shelby, Michigan, has been nominated by the Socialist Party and is trying to get on the ballot in 20 of the 50 states.

"If our vote runs into five figures we'll be happy," said Anne Rosenhaft, the party's executive secretary.

"We expect to do better in the 21st century." Getting on the ballot is tedious as well as expensive for minor candidates. It usually requires the collection of thousands of signatures in each state. Voters may write in the names of candidates not on the ballot, but that can be difficult when voting is by machine and few voters do it.

The Communist Party is not running a candidate for the presidency this year.

Difficult

"It's enormously difficult and just too expensive," said Louis Diskin of the party's Education Department.

Gus Hall, its perennial leader, got 36,386 votes in 1984. Diskin said Hall is continuing to make speeches, working through labour unions and other organizations in the which the party has members.

The Prohibition Party claims to be one of the oldest in the United States, dating back to 1869. It opposes not only alcohol, but "communism and all other totalitarian ideologies." National prohibition of alcoholic beverages was authorized by an amendment to the constitution in 1920, repealed in 1933.

The land where it is always yesterday

But the United States still controls the region's defence and has the right to keep its missile and radar installations on Kwajalein for at least the next 13 years, probably longer.

All the 2,500 Americans on Kwaj (rhymes with Dodge) and the 10,000 Marshallese on the island next door live and work yesterday.

The same applies to Bikini atoll, 300 miles northwest of Kwaj where the United States conducted 23 atomic bomb tests between 1946 and 1958.

The atoll is now uninhabited due to high radiation levels in the soil, except for a small field station operated by the US Department of Energy.

TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1494 — France's King Charles VIII invades Italy to claim throne of Naples.
- 1531 — War breaks out in Switzerland between Zurich and Catholic Forest Cantons.
- 1542 — Holy Roman Empire's campaign against the Turks in Hungary.
- 1674 — William of Orange takes Grave, Belgium, but is unable to invade France.
- 1706 — British successfully defend Charleston, south Carolina, against French and Spanish.
- 1879 — Britain signs peace treaty with Zulus in South Africa.
- 1897 — Battleship going uprisings in Upper Congo in Africa; Sudanese troops mutiny in Gambia.
- 1939 — Germany invades Poland, leading to start of World War II.
- 1945 — Japan surrenders aboard USS battleship Missouri at end of World War II.
- 1950 — North Korean troops launch attack across Makdong River in Korea.
- 1961 — United Nations breaks off relations with Katanga government, and heavy fighting in Elizabethville and Jadoville results from UN attempt to arrest members of government.
- 1962 — Singapore votes to join federation of Malaysia.
- 1968 — Relief officials in Iran say more than 6,000 people are known to have perished in series of earthquakes.
- 1969 — Army stages coup in Libya, monarchy is deposed and Libyan Arab Republic is proclaimed.
- 1986 — Nicaragua, at summit of Non-Aligned nations in Zimbabwe, accuses United States of aggression and intervention.
- 1987 — Two black men are banged in Pretoria, South Africa, for multiple killing committed during outbreak of anti-apartheid violence.

CINE ROUND-UP FROM BOMBAY

Special to the Arab Times

Image-conscious stars seek roles with 'power'

Filmland's latest craze: 'bollywood' law

The new trend among film stars in the Bombay film-world is to appear as gun-toting representatives of the law preferably in figure-hugging uniforms. Our correspondent deprecates this trend.

By
Firoze Rangoonwalla

EVERY now and then film stars indulge in a new fancy and cultivate an image which they imagine will thrill cine-audiences to bits.

It is another matter whether this 'new image' fails to impress, even the handful of faithful fans. But that does not deter the stars who persist in their fantasies, since they are in the business of peddling dreams.

These days, the big craze is to don the clothes of a policeman (or, police-woman). When a producer approaches the star with a crime subject, they ask: "Don't you have a good cop's role with a fitting uniform?" or many occasions, the producer has had to change his script to satisfy the whims of the stars, as in Aakhi Adalat where Dimple plays the role of a bungling cop, on the lines of something she had seen in an American film.

Unfortunately Dimple failed to carry off the comedy nor did cinegoers it seems like their glamorous heroine in this manish image. The film was considered as just another imitation, and is an apt reflection of the current craze among heroes and heroines dreaming about being gun-toting representatives of the law. Since they don't get really powerful roles to play, they are desperate for roles which carry "power".

In Aakhi Adalat Dimple tried her best to do "yes-sir" to Vinod Khanna; her senior in the police force. She also stumbled through many clownish situations before ending up as Vinod's home-loving wife. This did neither any credit to the police department nor, to the cause of feminism. However, she has done better justice to the serious cop image in Zakhmi Aurat.

In Zakhmi Aurat, she leaves her police job early in the film and begins taking her own

revenge. Although she is named Kiran, she is a far cry from the real-life police officer, Kiran Bedi of Delhi, who has raised quite a storm in her career, especially after the hand-cuffing of a male lawyer. It would be better if Dimple left the police to themselves, before she spoils their image as well as her own.

Trust the image-makers in the South to turn stars into tough, fire-breathing cops. They get a special kick out of presenting policewomen, perhaps because there are hardly any real women cops in Madras and the South in general. These films are usually an indirect hint for women to join the forces and wield power. Thus most of the charming heroines, in the South, who usually sing or dance or weep have worn a cop's uniform, along with a "danda" in one hand and a pistol in the other. In the past we have had Rekha, Hema, Sri Devi all doing it and there are more to follow, though we can't imagine how Jaya Prada would look as a policewoman singing a bhajan or a lullaby. Swapna and Madhvi would surely add their "weight" to the role at least.

Actually, we have come a long way from the days when Jagdish Raj (father of Anita Raj) and Iftekhar monopolised the police roles. We now have a wider variety of lawenforcers, though they may not exactly inspire our confidence. Hema Malini did a pretty good job of it in Andha Kanoon though brother Rajnikant outwitted her. But, Hema stuck to the letter of the law till the end, even opposing Rajnikant who rescues her from a rape, because he was an escaped convict. These days elderly Hema is also fond of playing black-gowned lawyers coming to the help of victimised women (young heroines).

Hema also played an inspector in Ram Tera Desh. But, Rekha in Insaaf ki Awaaz and Sri Devi in Jawab Hum Denge stole the limelight. Both made

very charming officers, the type who would inspire men to commit crime. It is another thing that they were never convincing as police officers, and looked more like glamorous dolls. They are always better when they play delicate arrogant creatures pitted against heroes who are trying to play tough policemen. They woo the girls and become weak, emotionally.

Amitabh in Destaan accepts Zeenat's complaint against an eve-teaser and then scolds her for wearing provocative clothes. Later, of course he meekly falls in love with her. Amit's role of the corrupt Allahabadi policeman in Shahenshah stretched the limit of a bad characterisation and actually harmed the film. People could not laugh at a cop who accepted hefty bribes, even if his other half went out against the evildoers. In other films, too, small-time policemen are shown accepting bribes etc. At other times they are shown as clowns and jokers, and are also played by comedians Bhagwao, Jag-deep, Birbal, Keshto, Asit Sen etc. Bhagwao is always the policeman meant to be fooled.

Goofy

These hawaldars are shown to be goofy, slow and physically unfit. They mess up the case and almost always, never reach in time. Asrani climaxed it with his caricature in Sholey showing that the police chief is usually an idiot. There was some controversy on this topic and the censors swooped on some small films. Bombay's ex-police commissioner openly declared: "Most films are painting a wrong picture of us. They are defaming the whole department. They also encourage people to keep away from police and take the law in their own hands to solve problems."

Formerly, the censors never allowed corrupt police on the screen. After some misguided criticism the police was liberalised but now it has gone to the other extreme. Some films create a suspense about a cop or C.I.D. and then prove that they were the real villains. This has shaken people's faith in the police. Even children say that the police are of no use. When good heroes do play good cops they show off their brawn and muscle rather than following the correct police methods of solving a crime. At all other times, the police are shown arriving very late, when the hero has already done all their work and the battered baddies have only to be arrested.

There have been a few effective portrayals like Om Puri in Ardh Satya or Suresh Oberoi in Kaal Chakra. Otherwise the cops have remained glamour boys, like Vinod Khanna in Satyameva Jayate, Feroz Khan in Warrant, Shashi Kapoor in Deewar and others. Younger heroes like Chunky have also developed a taste for playing tough in a cop's uniform and a hoody gun. And the older heroes or character actors, like Dilip Kumar, Sunil Dutt, Rajesh Khanna, Daany,



Dimple as the bungling cop in Aakhi Adalat.

Shammi Kapoor etc, are also at it.

In recent films, Pran is being preferred in the role of a stern straightforward cop, as in Shahenshah and Paap Ki Duniya. It seems he has taken over the mantle from Iftekhar, who used to fit the role to a 'P'. Iftekhar also took personal care on every detail and kept several books on crime and police methods in his library. People almost thought he was once in the police hierarchy but in actual fact he did not even have a gun licence. At the other end,

villain Shakti Kapoor is perfecting the image of a clownish cop after his cheap popularity as Inspector Bhende in Insaaf.

Kiran Kumar and other villains are becoming famous as corrupt cops secretly in league with smugglers, politicians and other bad rich guys. Mithun is playing a crazy cop opposite Rekha in G.P. Sippy's forthcoming Bhurashtehar (meaning corruption). In the multi-star Batwara, a desert drama, there are policemen of many cadres played by Dharmendra, Mohsin Khan and even Amrish Puri.



J.P. Dutta directs policeman Dharmaendra in Batwara.

The entry of tall deep-eyed beauty Shaheen has caused a lot of excitement in film circles. She is held in awe as she comes from the house of Dilip Kumar. She



New star Shaheen, niece of Saira Banu.

Behind the screen

is expected to revive the cultural trend in films, as she is the grand-daughter of Naseem Banu and the niece of Saira Banu. Will she act only in Muslim socials? Well of-course not. She will blend two cultures, in films with poetry, emotion and charm. But she has made her terms clear: "I will leave films if I am forced to wear a bikini. I will adhere to the cultural and family tradition of good behaviour. I want to be a performing and not an exposing artist. It is not asking too much." Well everything depends on the roles she can get.

By a strange coincidence director Mukul Anand had first spotted Shaheen when she was a teenage school girl touring Kashmir. He offered her a role but was refused. And now that she has just crossed her teens, the first break has come from Mukul himself, who is featuring her opposite Govinda in Maha-Sangram. The title suggests total violence while she says she will avoid films with sex and violence.

Somebody was bound to cash in on the huge success of the simple love story Qayamat

se and the early bird is B. Subhash, who has booked the same pair Aamir Khan and Juhi Chawla to star in a film titled Love Love Love which makes everything very obvious. But all "loves" need not reach a happy conclusion especially if the film has a tragic end.

These days Sunjay Dutt is making a lot of fuss at public places and making his presence felt with the usual line: "You must know who I am," followed by aggressive gestures. While Papa Sunil leads peace marches, son Sunjay is at war with the people.

Has Kabir Bedi gone on a diet or on a trip (drugs)? He looks so haggard and out of shape in contrast to his tall macho image in Sandokan. He looks bad even for a villain, of the Hindi films variety.

The biggest blow to Saaniya is not being cast in Dev Sahab's Awaraz Number even as a third attraction. It is a result of her loud-mouthed vulgar press statements. Dev seems to say: "See there was never any kind of affair between us. Otherwise, she would be in my film."



Mithun plays a crazy cop opposite Rekha in G.P. Sippy's Bhurashtehar.



B. Subhash joins hands with Aamir Khan (left) and Juhi Chawla for Love, Love, Love.

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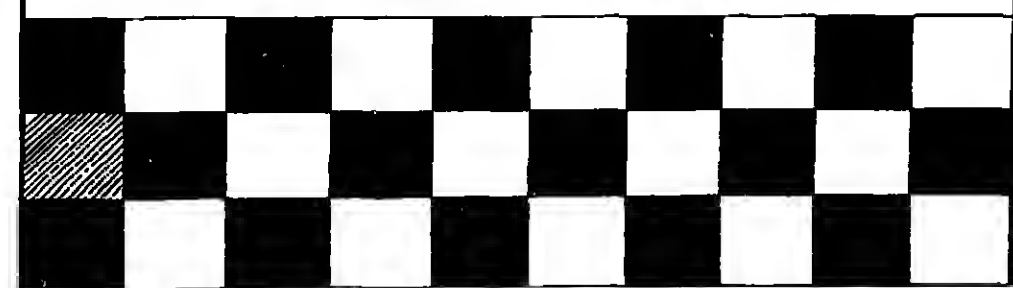
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BUSINESS & FINANCE

Subroto tries to forge oil quota pact

Iraq sacrificed a lot for OPEC, says Chalabi

BAGHDAD, Aug 31. (Reuters) OPEC Secretary-General Subroto, trying to bring Iraq back into the group's quota system, arrived for talks today as Baghdad said its sacrifices for the organisation might end.

Oil Minister Issam Abdul-Rahim Al Chalabi said Iraq had sacrificed a lot for OPEC unity, "but this does not mean that we are going to continue our sacrifice for the others."

Chalabi, quoted by Baghdad Radio last night, did not say whether he would seek a higher OPEC quota when he met Subroto.

Agreement

Subroto, who arrived from Tehran, is trying to reach an agreement between Iraq and Iraq to help cut production to ease a world oil glut and boost prices.

Chalabi said Iraq should seek higher economic returns from its oil exports after years of fighting. He said it would adopt as its future policy "the principle of achieving higher economic returns of its oil exports, which would define Iraq's clear plan for the future, and consequently determine the country's requirements."

Baghdad Radio quoted Chalabi as saying Iraq's attitude toward OPEC was based on "the principle of maintaining the

spirit of unity for the benefit of all."

Iraq refused to take part in the quota pact last December after rejecting its former 1.54 million barrels per day (BPD) limit, demanding an allocation equal to Iran's 2.369 million BPD.

Subroto said in Kuwait before his two-day visit to Tehran that he believed both should have equal quotas.

Now Iraq is pumping 2.7 million BPD and oil sources in the Gulf expect output to increase as Baghdad seeks to pull in extra revenue to finance reconstruction of its war-battered economy.

System

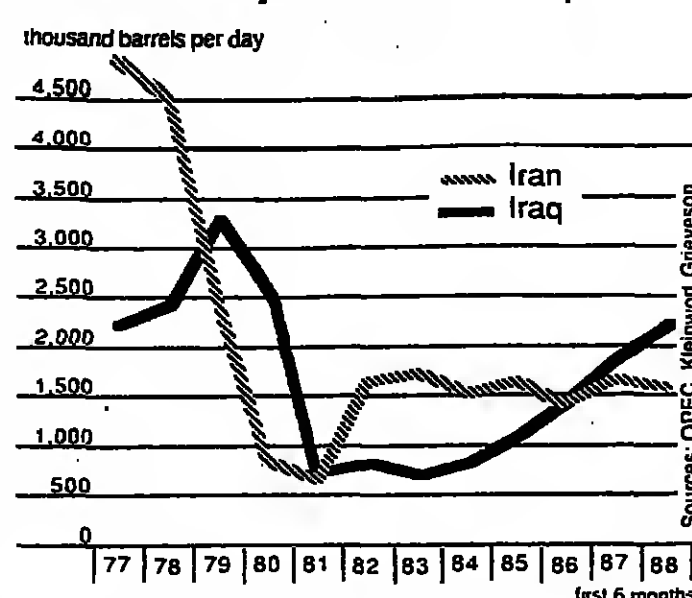
The two sides implemented a United Nations-mediated ceasefire on August 20 but follow-up peace talks in Geneva have since run into difficulty.

UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar said before going into the seventh day of stalled negotiations today that time was running out to get the talks moving.

Oil industry sources said an agreement between Iraq and Iraq which would bring Baghdad back into Opec's quota system at the same level as Tehran would trim world output and help weak oil prices to recover.

But it was not immediately

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clear if Iran was ready to co-operate with Iraq within OPEC.

Iranian President Ali Khamenei was quoted by Tehran radio as saying Iran has always tried to uphold "OPEC's internal unity and solidarity and its internal ability to take decisions and overcome problems."

Iran had blocked Iraq's

requests for a higher allocation in OPEC and Tehran Radio on Monday had said that Iran was still against the concept of quota parity with Iraq.

The official Kuwait News Agency KUNA, quoting senior Gulf oil sources, said on Monday Subroto would offer a higher quota both for Iran and Iraq at

2.5 million BPD to try to reach a deal.

It said Subroto might call an emergency OPEC meeting if he succeeded in convincing Iran and Iraq to accept the same quota.

Squabbling between Iran and Iraq over peace terms is dimming prospects the two nations will agree on OPEC oil output quotas. Far East oil industry sources said today.

OPEC production in August has averaged around 20 million barrels per day (BPD), up from 19 million in July, according to the Nicosia-based newsletter, Middle East Economic Survey.

Oil industry analysts say demand for OPEC oil will not be much higher than 18 million BPD in the fourth quarter of this year.

High

"In this market, OPEC production looks very high and all indications are it will be higher for September," said one.

The price of the Middle East benchmark crude, Dubai, has been pressured down to around \$13 a barrel, compared to OPEC's official target price of \$17.42.

Oil prices are expected to fall at least 50 cents lower unless output is curbed or the Gulf peace talks make enough progress to boost the psychology of the market.

"The fundamentals say the market should go down a minimum of 50 cents, maybe a dollar," said the Japanese trader.

"The market is steadily declining but it could go up at any moment due to political moves, a refinery said.

For now, though, the political factors are not hush.

Informed oil sources said in Kuwait today that Subroto will arrive here on the second visit to Kuwait within a week to complete discussions with Kuwaiti officials.

The sources said that Dr Subroto will brief Oil Minister Sheikh Ali Al Khalifa about the outcome of his talks with Iranian and Iraqi officials on "efforts" to equal the Iraqi production quota within OPEC, to that of Iran which amounts to 2.369 million barrels a day.

However, current OPEC president, Nigerian Oil Minister Al Haj Riluwan Lukman yesterday announced that it was possible to reach an equal quota for both Iraq and Iran and that all roads toward that end would be prodded.

Exports from Kuwait are also surging and could be further boosted as restrictions on shipping in the northern Gulf are relaxed and insurance premiums fall following the Iran-Iraq ceasefire, oil traders said.

French economy poised for growth

PARIS, Aug 31. (KUNA) For the first time in ten years, the French economy will realise a 3.5 per cent growth rate in 1988, according to unofficial estimates published here.

After a decade of slow growth, France, the world's fourth economic power, is profiting from a "boom" of investments in 1988 which increased by 10 per cent in general and 14 per cent in the industrial sector.

The government was estimating the growth at 2.2 per cent for the year, but until April there was a growth rate of only 1.9 per cent, according to official figures.

Surviving the stock market crash of last October, the French economy came back to double expenditure on equipment for industries, commercial activities and construction.

Production

Figures given by the National Institute for Statistics show that industrial production has been rising 6 per cent annually since 1986, and for the first time in many decades the workforce in the industrial sector has not decreased.

Thanks to the construction sector, the French economy created 52,000 new jobs in the first half of the year, on top of 70,000 others following in 1987.

The 1980s have been marked by slow growth in the French economy, dropping to a low of 0.6 per cent in 1983 under the Socialist government.

Russians re-discover London as global centre for gold

LONDON, Aug 31. (UPI) The Russians are re-discovering London as the global centre for gold, according to bullion dealers today.

Moscow Narodny Bank, the British arm of the Soviet's Gold-Dealing Bank of Foreign Economic Affairs, is joining the newly formed London Bullion Market Association (LBMA).

LBMA is hosting a London party next month for its Moscow chiefs to mark the event.

Until 1986 the Russians used Moscow Narodny in London for their gold dealing.

Then it switched the job largely to Zurich and later back home to Moscow.

Hopes

Now London is attracting them again and hopes were high among bullion men as they will be operating in the capital much more.

Robert Guy, head of the London bullion market, said that the glasnost is making Soviet bullion types much more relaxed about discussing market affairs with the West.

The guests are part of a Russian mission organised by the British Invisibles Export Council.

LBMA is hosting a seminar at London's Savoy Hotel where the two Soviet gold men will be encouraged to "outline the Soviet stance in the bullion markets," a spokesman for LBMA said.

'Profitability of the project is now lost'

Gulf war over but Mitsui wants out of Iran plant

TOKYO, Aug 31. (Reuters) The Japanese company Mitsui had almost completed what would have been one of the largest and most expensive petrochemical plants in the world when the Iran-Iraq war started in 1980.

Now the war appears to be over and while many companies are leaping at the chance to make money out of reconstruction, Mitsui wants to have nothing more to do with the project.

The profitability of the project is now lost, a spokesman said.

The complex, involving 13 separate petrochemical plants covering three square km (1.1 sq miles) on Iran's Gulf shore at a place now called Bandar Khomeini, was bogged down from the beginning.

Crises

It survived two oil crises and the Islamic revolution in 1979, only to be bombed repeatedly by the Iraqis who wanted both to make sure it would not go into production and to discourage Japan from helping Iran any further, analysts said.

The Iran-Japan Petrochemical Company (IJPC) project was valued at 600 billion yen (nearly \$5 billion at current exchange rates), of which Japanese com-

panies, mostly from the Mitsui Group, put up half.

The amounts of money were so huge that Japanese engineers stayed with the plant for four years after the war broke out. They finally pulled out in 1984 after a particularly bad Iraqi air raid.

Mitsui has since been trying to find a way out of that would allow them to claim the money back on insurance.

Asked why Mitsui was not interested in trying to recoup some of its investment by reviving the project in a new era of peace, one industry analyst said:

"Because I think that investment is now worth nil."

"I think the destruction is so bad, it would cost more to try to reconstruct Bandar Khomeini than it would be to start again from the beginning. You've got to dismantle the thing now."

"It was 85 per cent complete before the war started and now it's just a pile of rubble as far as I'm aware. So what is there to reconstruct nothing."

Damaged

"And even if it hadn't been badly damaged, it would have been so badly rusted there's nothing they could do with it anyway. These are very delicate

plants," the analyst said.

"It has been a huge financial blow to our company," said the Mitsui spokesman. "We have had to write off nearly 100 billion yen (\$750 million) for this project. Damage was big enough to affect our employees' morale."

Mitsui has been trying for years to persuade its partner in the project—the Iranian government—to declare the project null and void due to the war damage, because it would then be eligible for insurance payments.

But both the Iranian and Japanese governments have been reluctant to agree to Mitsui's pleas.

The Bandar Khomeini plant, had it been put into operation, would have been a world-class complex which would have given Iran huge power within the oil industry. Analysts say Tehran is apparently loath to give up on the deal.

The Japanese government sees scrapping the project as politically embarrassing and is worried about the insurance payments, analysts say.

The Japanese companies involved have covered their 350 billion yen (\$2.61 billion) invest-

ment, which includes interest, either by preparing bad loan provisions or by filing risk notes to reserve the right to claim protection under the government's overseas investment insurance.

"The reason Mitsui wants to get out cleanly is that it then becomes a clear-cut insurance claim," said the industry analyst, who asked not to be identified.

Claim

"Obviously, the (Japanese) government is hesitating. It wants Mitsui to go ahead with it. As far as I'm aware, the size of the insurance claim could virtually bankrupt the insurance system."

An alternative would be for Mitsui to just pull out.

"But they (Mitsui) just cannot say so because Iran may ask for damage loss compensation if Mitsui withdrew unilaterally," said an oil industry source.

The industry analyst said the Saga has had a debilitating effect on Mitsui Group, one of the world's largest trading and construction companies.

"It's been a tremendous drag for years," he said. "It has severely inhibited the company's views towards developing any other projects. I think that's been the greatest damage."

Bank of Japan will not raise discount rate, says Miyazawa

TOKYO, Aug 31. (UPI) The Bank of Japan will not raise its official discount rate in line with a rise in the rates of major European banks, Finance Minister Kichi Miyazawa said today.

Miyazawa told reporters prices are under control in Japan so there is no reason for the discount rate to be increased for the time being.

The Bank of Japan's discount rate, the interest rate charged to major banks, is currently set at 2.5 per cent and was last changed in February 1987 when the rate was dropped 0.5 per cent from 3.0 per cent.

Increase

The last increase in the Bank of Japan's discount rate came in March 1980 when the bank increased the rate 1.75 per cent to 9.0 per cent.

The West German Bundesbank raised its discount rate 0.5 per cent to 3.5 per cent on Thursday, followed by increases at several other European central banks.

Japan will not cut its public works spending in reaction to fears that such spending could contribute to inflationary pressures, Miyazawa said.

US economy shows signs of slowing as interest rates rise

WASHINGTON, Aug 31. (Reuters) The US economy showed signs of slowing down in July under the impact of rising interest rates as a leading gauge of economic activity fell and factory orders declined.

But economists, commenting after the government data was released yesterday, said it might be a healthy development since it could reduce inflationary pressure.

"This suggests the economy may be about to slow down a bit," said David Wyss, senior vice-president of Data Resources Inc. based in Lexington, Massachusetts.

Activity

"That's not unhealthy," he added. "The pace in the first half was too strong given that unemployment was at a 14-year low."

The US Commerce Department said the index of leading economic indicators, an impor-

tant barometer of future economic activity, fell 0.8 per cent last month. The index had risen 1.4 per cent in June.

In addition, the department said orders placed with US factories dropped 3.5 per cent in July after expanding by 5.4 per cent in June.

Growth

The White House shrugged off the declines, with spokesman BJ Cooper saying: "The data suggests continued economic growth in the months ahead although at a more moderate pace than in the first half."

A growing economy usually benefits the party in power and the Republicans have pointed proudly to nearly six years of uninterrupted growth under the Reagan administration.

Concern about inflation, driven by higher wage demands because of labour shortages, has prompted the policy-making

Federal Reserve Board to try to restrain credit growth.

John Hagans, vice-president of WFEA group in Bala Cynwyd, Pennsylvania, said some easing in economic expansion in second half of 1988 might forestall more credit-tightening moves by the Federal Reserve.

The Fed last acted on Aug 9, when it raised the prime rate—the discount rate it charges for loans to member banks—leading them to raise consumer borrowing rates.

Weaker

Seven out of nine measures of economic activity that are combined in the leading indicators index were weaker in July.

Hagens said that might be evidence the Fed's prolonged effort to restrict credit and cool the economy was paying off, although the reports do not gauge any impact of rise in the prime rate.

Brazil votes to restrict mineral exploration

BRASILIA, Aug 31. (Reuters) Brazil's constituent assembly voted yesterday to restrict exploration and development of the country's vast mineral wealth to Brazil-controlled companies.

The decision will be incorporated into the new constitution due to be finished next month. It confirms a vote taken in April in the first round of the assembly's deliberations.

In April foreign companies reacted strongly to the vote. The Brazilian subsidiary of British Petroleum said then: "This decision undermines the country's credibility as a place to invest."

Exporter

Yesterday British Petroleum had no comment on the final vote.

Brazilian mining interests welcomed the decision.

Brazil is the world's leading iron exporter, the second biggest tin producer after Malaysia and

the sixth gold producer.

Francisco Fernandes, an official at the government's National Council of Scientific and Technological Development, said foreign companies would adapt and find Brazilian partners as many have already done.

"It is not a hostile act. Foreign capital remains welcome in Brazil," said Fernandes, who advised Congress on the mineral issue.

Peter Rich, a Rio-based mining consultant, said of the vote: "It has put Brazil more or less in the same situation as Australia and Canada who want their wealth controlled by their own people. It's just following a world trend."

According to the government's National Department of Mineral Production, there are 55 companies with majority foreign ownership exploiting minerals in Brazil.

World Business Summary

Oil production stopped by pipeline explosion

MEXICO CITY, Aug 31. (AP) Production at three oil refineries was suspended after a pipeline explosion that killed 12 people and injured 14, an official of the state-owned oil monopoly Pemex said. The explosion early Sunday in the 300-mile (480 kilometre) line cut supplies to refineries in Ciudad Madero, near the northern city of Tampico, Coahuila, in the central state of Tamaulipas. Three shiploads of oil were headed for the refineries on Monday and they were expected to resume operations after being resupplied. Abundio Juarez Mendez, deputy director of primary production at Pemex, said in remarks quoted by the government news agency Ntinimex. The 15-year-old pipeline was expected to be repaired by this morning, he said. Juarez Mendez said toxic gases from a pipeline leak near the town of Angel Cabada, 270 miles (435 kilometres) east of Mexico City in Veracruz state, "caused the deaths of three minors, and several hours later a flame caused an explosion that cost the lives of eight victims." A twelfth man died on Monday from injuries suffered in the explosion, said Guadalupe Gonzalez Garrillo, an official with the Angel Cabada municipal government. Between 18,000 and 20,000 barrels of crude were lost through the leak before the pipeline exploded, Juarez Mendez said. The cause of the explosion was under investigation, Pemex said.

New incentives to encourage foreign firms to explore oil

JAKARTA, Aug 31. (Reuters) OPEC-member Indonesia announced new incentives today to encourage foreign companies to step up the hunt for oil despite the fall in world crude prices. Energy Minister Gijangkar Kartasasmita told a news conference the changes included tax breaks, improved production terms and simplified procedures. "We are trying to maintain investment momentum in the oil sector," Gijangkar said. "The goal is to step up exploration so that new reserves can be found." Indonesia, the only Asian member of the OPEC, has been worried by falling levels of exploration by foreign contractors hit by the slump in world oil prices. "We have to watch the competition from other countries," Gijangkar said. Gijangkar, speaking before leaving on visits to Japan and South Korea, announced easier terms for marginal fields, tax concessions and incentives to hunt for oil in areas designated as "frontier" zones. He said the normal production split of 85/15 in favour of the state oil company Pertamina would be revised to 80/20 in frontier fields producing under 50,000 barrels per day. "We are trying to create a better investment climate, while safeguarding our national interests, and to see that our natural resources are properly exploited," said Gijangkar, who took over as energy minister in March. Foreign oil companies planned a 30 per cent reduction in spending in Indonesia for the 1988/89 financial year starting in March, cutting operating and exploration costs to \$2.3 billion from 3.2 billion, according to Pertamina.

IFAD loan for Venezuelan rural development programme

ROME, Aug 31. (OPECNA) The International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) will co-finance a rural development programme to be launched in the Venezuelan state of Sucre with a loan of \$10.80 million. The project, costing a total of \$20 million, is expected to substantially increase output of agricultural crops and fish breeding for around 4,000 poor farmers and fishermen in the region. The programme will provide for the construction of access roads and 12 small irrigation schemes, while collection and cold storage facilities will be built for fisheries. The scheme also aims at increasing employment opportunities and providing five-fold increases in the incomes of the farmers and fishermen.

The project's launch was first discussed when Venezuelan President Jaime Lusinchi made an official visit here in June. The loan agreement was signed here on Monday between Venezuelan Minister of Finance Dr Hector Hurtado and IFAD vice president Donald Brown. The Venezuelan government will contribute \$9.10 million towards the cost of the project, while a grant of \$120,000 from the United Nations Development Programme will be used on specialised consultancy services.

Egypt to cut oil prices

CAIRO, Aug 31. (AP) Egypt decided today to lower the export prices of all grades of Egyptian crude oil by 50 cents a barrel because of a "continuing glut" on the world oil market. Hassan Ayoub, foreign sales director at the Oil Ministry, said the reductions will be effective from Thursday through Sept 15. The drop was the second in a row after a 90-cent Aug 16-31 decrease. Ayoub said the move was necessitated by "the continuing glut and unstable conditions in the world market." The new prices are \$12.75 a barrel for Gulf of Suez, Egypt's top blend, \$11.90 for Belayim, \$10.75 for Ras Badran and \$10.45 a barrel for Ras Ghareb. The prices are identical to those of July, before the ministry decreed a 1.40 per-barrel increase across the board. Egypt is not a member of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries but generally follows OPEC policies. Egyptian wells produce 870,000 barrels a day, half of which are exported under long-term contracts. The Oil Ministry reviews prices every 15 days.

UAE exports on the rise

ABU DHABI, Aug 31. (KUNA) The total trade of Abu Dhabi during the first seven months of 1988 was over Dh5.1 billion, nearly a Dh1 billion more than the same period of last year, according to Customs Department figures. Abu Dhabi's total imports between January and July were Dh 3.7 billion compared to Dh 3.1 billion in the same period of 1987, figures published in the English language daily, Emirates News, showed. Exports rose over the same period from Dh 263 million to Dh 846 million in 1987 to Dh 1.2 billion this year. The total value of trade reported by the department excludes petroleum exports and certain government imports, such as defence equipment, the paper said. It said total trade rose from Dh 4.17 billion in the first seven months of 1987 to Dh 5.13 billion this year. The top exporter to the Emirate during this year was the United States, followed by Britain and Japan. The top importer was Saudi Arabia, followed by Qatar and Kuwait, while the top destination for Abu Dhabi's re-exports was Qatar.

New project loans approved

VIENNA, Aug 31. (OPECNA) The governing board of the OPEC Fund for International Development today approved six new project loans in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean.

The board, in its 44th session here, approved the loans for Bolivia, Botswana, Guinea, Nepal, Seychelles and St Vincent and the Grenadines. Bolivia will get \$3.2 million for rehabilitation and expansion of infrastructure. Botswana will spend \$1.5 million on its Nata-Maun road project. Guinea will receive a \$4 million credit for its second rural primary schools project. Nepal will get \$2.5 million for its technical education project. St Vincent and the Grenadines will also receive \$1 million for its Leeward highway rehabilitation.

WORLD STOCK MARKETS

LONDON

LONDON

(Alpha Stocks)

NAME	LAST
ABBEE LIFE	302/0
ADT LTD	132/4
ALD LYONS	388/4
AMSTRAD	202.0
ARGTLL GP	173/0
ASDA GP	52.00
BAA	258.0
STR	263/0
BAT INDS	441/0
BARCLAYS	400.0
BASS	753.0
BEAZER	160.0
BEECHAMS	464.0
BERKSFORD	370.0
BICC PLC	335/4
BLUE ARWR	94/0
BLUE CIRC	415/0
BOC GP	393/0
BOOTS CO	207/0
BPB INDS	271/0
BR COMM	223/0
BR AIRWAY	145.0
BR AEROSP	486/0
BR GAS RG	173.0
BR GAS RT	172/0
BR LAND	312/0
B.P..	239.0
B.P..PP	140.0
BR TELCOM	231/0
BURMAN OL	512/0
BURTON	203/0
CABLE&WR	63.13
CADBURTS	363/0
COATS VYI	210.0
COMM UNI	341/0
CONS GOLD	987/0
COOKSONS	38.76
COURTAULD	10.50
DALGETY	326/0
DEE CP	150.0
DIXONS	151.0
EWB CHINA	452/0
ENTER OIL	440/0
FKI BARCK	117/0
FERRANTI	89.41
GEN ACCID	875.0
GEN ELEC	152.0
GLAZO	293.0
GRAMADA	150.0
GLOBE	138.5
GLYNED	284/0
GRAND MET	493/0
GUARD RYL	177/0
GKN	313/0
GUINNESS	303/0
HAMMONS A	615/0
HANSON	136.5
HARRISON C	613/0
HAKER SID	510.0
HILLSHODM	266/4
ICI	998/0

NAME	CLOSE	OPEN
2ND ALLCE	732/0	732/0
600 GROUP	107.0	107.0
A.MNER ST	353/0	355/0
A.B.ELECT	399/0	397/0
A.S.W.HLD	175/0	175/0
AAB KEHT	76/0	76/0
AAH HLD	256/0	256/0
AARNSON	118/0	117/0
ADJUST	36/0	36/0
ADVEST	319/0	319/0
ALEX WRK	152/0	153/0
ALEXON	360/0	360/0
A.LD COLL	121/0	122/0
AMERSHAW	608/0	607/0
AHI HLTHC	256/4	249/0
ANGLIA TV	173/0	172/0
ANGLO S OI	201/0	202/0
ANSBACHER	81/0	83/0
APPLEYARD	475/0	475/0
APV PLC	114/0	115/0
AQUAS.A.	71/0	70/0
ARAN ENGY	62/0	63/0
ARCHER AJ	148/0	148/0
ARLINGTON	144/0	144/0
ARMSTRONG	120/0	120/0
ASHLEY.LA	105/0	106/0
ATLNTC CM	491/0	492/0
ATTWOODS	275/0	276/0
AUTO RECS	271/0	273/0
AUTO SEC	257.0	260.0
AVDEL PLC	37/4	38/0
AVIS EUR	342/0	343/0
AVON RUBB	719/0	718/0
B.WE.MILL	175/0	176/0
BAILL JAP	74/0	73/0
BAILL SHI	79/0	79/0
BAIRW (U)	256/0	255/0
BANK REI	229/0	229/0
BANKER IT	70/0	71/0
BARKER DO	140/0	140/0
BARRETF DE	169/0	170/0
BAVIES CF	26/0	27/0
BBA GROUP	159/0	162/0
BEAR B.VI	3/0	3/0
BEAR BRID	7/4	8/0
BEATTIE J	140/0	141/0
BEJAH GP	175/0	177/0
BEKHAVEN	52/0	53/0
BELLWAT	234/0	233/0
BEMROSE	216/0	215/0
BENLOX HD	49/0	50/0
BERKELET	283/0	284/0
BHAM MINT	402/0	403/0
BNN GROUP	94/0	95/0
BK OF SCO	345/0	346/0
BLACK LE 2	13/2	13/2
BUNNETT +F	36/0	37/0
BOASE NAS	233/0	234/0
BOODINGHT	141/0	141/0
BOOT SHOP	373/0	373/0
BOOT HENR	385/0	385/0

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AVON RUBB	719/0	718/0
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BAILL SHI	79/0	79/0
BAIRW (U)	256/0	255/0
BANK REI	229/0	229/0
BANKER IT	70/0	71/0
BARKER DO	140/0	140/0
BARRETF DE	169/0	170/0
BAVIES CF	26/0	27/0
BBA GROUP	159/0	162/0
BEAR B.VI	3/0	3/0
BEAR BRID	7/4	8/0
BEATTIE J	140/0	141/0
BEJAH GP	175/0	177/0
BEKHAVEN	52/0	53/0
BELLWAT	234/0	233/0
BEMROSE	216/0	215/0
BENLOX HD	49/0	50/0
BERKELET	283/0	284/0
BHAM MINT	402/0	403/0
BNN GROUP	94/0	95/0
BK OF SCO	345/0	346/0
BLACK LE 2	13/2	13/2
BUNNETT +F	36/0	37/0
BOASE NAS	233/0	234/0
BOODINGHT	141/0	141/0
BOOT SHOP	373/0	373/0
BOOT HENR	385/0	385/0

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2ND ALLCE	732/0	732/2	
600 GROUP	107.0	107.0	
A AMER TS	353/5	355/7	
A.S.B.ELECT	399/0	397/7	
A.S.B..HLD	175/5	177/0	
ASB KEHT	76/0	76/0	
AAH HLD	256/0	256/0	
AARNSON	118/0	117/0	
ADDISON	36/0	36/0	
ADJEST	319/0	319/0	
ALEX WRKW	152/0	153/0	
ALEXON	360/0	360/0	
A.LD COLL	121/0	121/0	
AMERSHAW	608/0	607/0	
ANI HLTHC	255/4	249/0	
ANGLIA TV	173/0	172/0	
ANGLO S'JS	201/0	202/0	
ANSCHACHER	81/0	83/0	
APPLEYARD	475/0	475/0	
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AQUAS. A.	71/0	70/0	
ARAN ENGY	62/0	63/0	
ARCHER AJ	148/0	148/0	
ARLINGTON	144/0	144/0	
ARMSTRONG	120/0	120/0	
ASWLEY. LA	105/0	106/0	
LA ATLANTIC	491/0	492/0	
ATTWOODS	275/0	276/0	
AUS REE A	271/0	273/0	
AUTO SECS	257.0	260.0	
AVDEL PLC	57/4	58/0	
AVIS EUR	342/0	343/0	
AVON RUBB	179/0	178/0	
B.J.WILLM	715/0	716/0	
BATLL JAP	474/0	473/0	
BATLL SHI	79/0	79/0	
BATRU (V)	226/0	229/0	
BANK REE	259/0	259/0	
BANKER IT	330/0	330/0	
BARKER D	169/0	170/0	
BAYNES C	26/0	27/0	
BEA GROUP	159/0	162/0	
BEAR B. UT	3/0	3/0	
BEAR BRAND	7/4	8/0	
BEATTIE J	140/0	141/0	
BEJAP GP	157/4	157/0	
BELNAV	52/0	53/0	
BELMATT	234/0	233/0	
BENROSE	216/0	215/0	
BENLOX HD	49/0	50/0	
BERKELEY	283/0	284/0	
BHAM MINT	402/0	403/0	
BNH GROUP	94/0	94/0	
BK OF SCO	345/0	345/0	
BLACK LE 2	13/2	13/0	
BUNNETT + F	36/0	37/0	
BOASE MAS	233/0	234/0	
BOODINGTON	141/0	141/0	
BOOT SHOP	575/0	575/0	
BOOT HENR	383/0	383/0	

BORTHWICK	59/0	59
BR ARROW	104/0	103
BR ASSETS	64/6	64

BORTHWICK	59/0	59/0	HIGGS HTL	357/0	338/0
BR ARROW	104/0	103/0	HMBRO CTY	67/0	68/0
BR ASSETS	64/4	64/4	HMRO ZOP	222/0	222/0
BR DREGGI	117/0	118/0	HNDR SPHR	178/0	178/0
BR VITA	223/0	223/0	HOEG GARD	158/0	158/0
BRENT CHE	141/0	141/0	HOLNES PR	98/0	98/0
BRENT MGR	347/0	347/0	HODGEN GP	108/0	109/0
BRIDON	153/0	154/0	HOPKINSON	95/0	95/0
BRITAIN SE	178/0	178/0	HYT GROUP	224/0	223/0
BRITANNIC	335/0	337/0	ICE. FZ. FD	344/0	343/0
BRITXON E	314/0	314/0	INRT M.D.V	366/0	368/0
BRITANT GP	118/0	118/0	INOPMDT W	13/0	13/0
BSE INTL	60/0	60/0	INT. BU. CH	118/0	117/0
BSS INTL	79/0	81/4	INT. CITT	122/0	121/0
BULBOWH	445/0	443/0	INVERGORD	285/0	
BULMER NP	155/0	155/0	JHSM&FR	40/0	40/0
CALENDONIA	362/0	360/0	JSX MLDGS	167/0	168/0
CALOR GRP	352/0	354/0	KALAMAZOO	49/0	49/0
CAMC ELEC	234/0	234/0	KALAN GRP	36/0	36/0
CAMFORD E	177/0	178/0	KELT ENGY	37/0	37/0
CANHING W	215/0	215/0	KETSON	79/0	
CANNON ST	298/0	298/0	KMTK O'S	121/0	121/0
CAP GROUP	298/0	297/0	KLVK SAFC	337/0	336/0
CAULDON	10/4	10/0	KMK-FIT	102/0	102/0
CENTL ITV	536/0	533/0	LAING 'A'	303/0	305/0
CHAN PHRR	154/0	154/0	LAING ORD	303/0	305/0
CHARTERNA	21/2	21/0	LAING PRP	474/0	475/0
CHAS CHUR	98/0	98/0	LAIRD GRP	237/0	237/0
CHLORIDE	55/0	55/0	LANDLEIS S	335/0	335/0
CHRISTIES	513/0	515/0	LAURANCE W	144/0	145/0
CI GROUP	45/0	45/0	LDN & MAN	276/0	276/0
CNTRL SEC	48/0	48/0	LDN & NET	150/0	150/0
CNTRY OIL	165/0	164/0	LDN INTL	237/0	237/0
COATES BR	323/0	320/0	LDN SHOP	228/0	229/0
COLLINS A	459/0	458/0	LDN SHUT	154/0	155/0
COLLINS W	558/0	558/0	LDN&GIN	128/0	129/0
COLLORGL	186/4	187/0	LES SERVCS	381/0	382/0
CONNELLS	276/0	278/0	LIFE SCIE	54/0	54/0
COSTAIN	285/0	286/0	LITTLE FIC	49/4	50/0
COURTS A	273/0	272/0	LIT	26/0	27/0
COURTS F	398/0	395/0	LOCAL LDN	468/0	468/0
CREST NIC	184/0	185/0	LOGICA	341/0	340/0
CRH	133/0	133/0	LOGIC (WH)	624/0	625/0
CRODA INT	198/0	198/0	LOWBOND	188/0	188/0
CRYSTALAT	154/0	155/0	LOWNDES	80/0	80/0
CTRY PROP	271/0	270/0	N&E GROUP	366/0	367/0
DARES EST	28/0	28/4	N.C.PACIF	171/0	171/0
DAVIS GD	161/0	157/0	NACARTRY	227/0	226/0
DAVY CORP	42/0	42/0	NAI	89/0	89/0
DE LA RUE	475/0	477/0	NAJEDIE	200/0	200/0
DELTA GRP	282/0	283/0	NANDERS	198/0	198/0
DELTA FISH	322/0	322/0	NARLEY	149/0	151/0
DIPLOMA	214/0	214/0	NARSALLB	238/0	238/0
DOESON CP	87/0	87/0	MATTHEWS	76/0	75/0
DOUGLAS R	281/0	281/0	MAUDERS	98/0	98/0
DOWLINGEN	45/0	55/0	MOCKECHIE	302/0	302/0
DOWTY GRP	206/0	210/0	MEMEC	226/0	227/0
ORAYTON C	442/0	443/0	MENZIES	320/0	320/0
DRG	426/0	426/0	MERCH. TST	145/0	146/0
DUKHNS NW	77/0	77/0	MERLIN IN	103/0	103/0
DUNDEE LD	291/0	293/0	METAL CLS	185/0	185/0
DUNHILL	210/0	210/0	METALBAX	86/0	86/0
EAGLE TST	14/2	14/2	MONKS IT	201/0	201/0
EDIN I.T	145/0	147/0	MORGAN CR	216/0	217/0
ELECTROH	191/0	191/0	MORGAN GF	289/0	289/0
EELIS EVA	184/0	185/0	MORLAND	620/0	620/0
ENAP	202/0	203/0	MOUNTLEIG	136/0	136/0
EMPIRE ST	241/0	241/0	NOMLEN J	366/0	366/0

SAVILE G	45/0	45
SAVILLS	123/0	123

NAME	OPEN MID-DAY
A BSCH COM	29/7 29/9
ATLANTIC R	82/3 82/3
ARC CORP	26/2 26/4
ABBOTT LAB	46/7 46/8
ACHE CLVD	9/6 9/6
ADV MICRO	11/7 11/8
AGRO LAB	0 7/8
AETNA LIFE	47/6 47/7
AMHANSON	15/1 14/1
AL PR-CHM	40/7 40/8
ATKIRA AIR	19/3 19/3
ALBERTSONS	35/1 35/5
ALBMA 8-16	0 82/2
ALCAN ALUM	34/6 34/6
ALCO STAND	20/4 20/4
AM CYANMID	48/2 47/2
AM ELEC PW	27/3 27/3
AM NOM PRO	78/8 78/8
AM NOM PRO	79/5 79/5
AM STANDARD	0 77/1
AM STORES	50/2 50/2
AM TEL-TEL	25/1 25/1
AMCO CORP	75/4 75/5
AMP INC	43/0 42/1
AMCO PITT	12/2 12/2
AMR CORP	42/0 42/1
AM GEN CO	33/7 33/7
AMERADA HE	21/6 21/6
ANTHEN ELE	11/5 11/1
APACHE CP	7/3 7/7
APACHE PET	2/5 2/5
ARMSTRONG	33/6 33/6
ASHLAND OIL	35/5 35/5
ASIA PACIF	5/7 6/1
ATLS CORP	0 36/1
AVERY INT	21/6 21/6
AVNET INC	20/0 20/0
AVON PRODS	23/5 23/5
BCE INC	29/6 29/6
BELLSOUTH	39/7 39/7
BELO CP A	26/4 26/4
BETH STEEL	21/0 20/0
BEVERLY S	5/7 5/7
BNK BOSTON	27/5 27/5
BNK BSN-A	0 25/1
BNK H-YORK	34/5 34/5
BNK TR-NY	37/5 37/5
BKAMERICA	14/0 14/1
BKAM SPEC	0 6/1
BOETHING CO	59/6 59/6
BOISE CASC	42/3 42/3
BMR IN GLD	10/3 10/3
BOWATER	52/4 52/4
BRITTEL	29/7 30/1
BR BRIGGS-STR	39/0 39/0
BRUNSWICK	29/0 28/1
BRUNST-RYER	42/7 42/7
BRUNSTICK	19/4 19/4
BURNED CP	18/0 17/1
C 3 INC	11/6 11/6
CABOT CORP	39/7 39/7
CAESARS NQ	25/5 25/5
CA FREIGHT	22/2 21/1
CAS NAT GS	14/2 14/2

NEW YORK

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A BSCH COM	29/7
ATLANTIC R	82/3
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ABBOTT LAB	46/7
ACHE CLVD	9/6
ADU MICRO	11/7
AEROFL LAB	0
AETNA LIFE	47/6
AMHANNSON	15/1
ALP PR-CHM	40/7
ALASKA AIR	19/3
ALBERTSONS	35/1
ALBMA 8-16	0
ALCAN ALUM	30/4
ALCO STAND	24/6
AM CYANAM	48/2
AM ELET PW	27/3
AM NOM PRO	78/0
AM NOM PRO	79/5
AM STANDARD	0
AM STORES	50/2
AM TEL-TEL	25/1
AMCO CORP	75/4
AMC INC	43/0
AMCO PITT	12/2
AMR CORP	42/0
AM GEN CO	33/7
AMERADA NE	26/6
ANTHEN ELE	11/5
APACHE CP	7/3
APACHE PET	2/5
ARMSTRONG	33/0
ASHLAND OIL	35/6
ASIA PACIF	5/7
ATLS CORP	0
AVERY INT	21/0
AVNET INC	20/0
AVON PRODS	23/5
BCE INC	29/6
BELL-SOUTH	39/7
BELO CP	26/4
BETH STEEL	21/0
BEVERLY	5/7
BNK BOSTON	27/5
BNK BSTM-A	0
BNK H-YORK	34/5
BNK TR-NY	37/5
BKAMERICA	14/0
BKAMC SPEC	0
BOEING CO	59/6
BOISE CASC	42/3
BWM INC GLD	10/3
BORDER	52/4
BORGERS	29/7
BR TELS-STR	39/0
BRIGGS-STEIN	29/0
BRIST-WEYER	42/7
BRUNSWICK	19/4
BURNDY CO	18/0
C 3 INC	11/6
CABOT CORP	39/7
CAESARS UO	25/5
CAS FREIGHT	22/2
CAS NAT GS	14/2

FST CHICAG	33/0
FST INTERS	50/2
SAF CORP	48/1
GAMNET CO	31/1
KALVESTON	0
GATX CORP	45/1
GCA CP	0
GEARHART	*16
GEN DATA	3/4
GEN DYWIDAG	50/0
GEN ELECT	40/4
GEN HOST	9/7
GEN HOUSAR	8/1
GEN INSTR	28/6
GEN MILLS	49/7
GEN MOTORS	73/3
GEN SIGNAL	46/6
GENCORP	22/0
GENETECH	20/6
GENUINE PA	34/4
GO PMT-80	0
GEORGI-PAC	38/3
GIBR FL CL	3/0
GLOBAL MAR	10
GOLDEN NUG	12/2
GOODRICH	52/2
GOODYEAR	60/1
GOULD INC	22/5
GRACE WR	25/0
GRAINGER	56/1
GREYHOUND	31/5
GRUMMAN	22/4
GULF RES-C	14/1
GULF-WESTN	41/0
HALLIBURTON	26/5
HALLWOOD	0
HANNA MIN	29/5
HARRIS CP	26/5
HARTMARX	25/0
HEINEZ HJ	32/6
HEL CURTIS	45/7
HELM-PAYNE	22/4
HERCULES	45/1
HEML-PACK	22/1
HEXCEL CP	35
HILLENDORD	29/6
HILTI HERRND	45/3
HILTN HTLS	45/3
HITACHI	120/6
HJSTICE MIN	14/1
HINDY-HARRIN	17/1
HOLIDAY C	23/6
HOME DEPOT	24/2
HOME FED	22/7
HONDA MOTR	0
HONEYWELL	59/1
HOUGHTON MI	35/0
HOUSTON INC	29/3
HUGHES SUP	0
HUMANA INC	23/1
IBM	113/3
IC INDUST	35/0
ICI PHARMA	6/2
ILL PHR CO	18/7
IRCO LTD	30/0
INGRALL-R	36/5
JEFF PILOT	34/7
JER PW 8-5	

50/2	MESA OFFSH
50/2	MOBIL OIL
48/2	MONSANTO
1,08	MONSANTA PO
5/2	MORGAN JAP
43/2	MORT THIO
5/6	MOTOROLA
3/4	MURSH-MCLEN
49/2	MURPHY OIL
40/3	MIL INTERG
10/0	NBI CORP
28/1	NCR CORP
8/4	NEM ENG EL
49/6	NEM PLA RE
72/7	NEWMELL CO
26/3	NEWMONT MI
21/6	NEWMONT GLD
20/7	NI HONG-10
34/3	NI HONG-72
76/0	NICOLET IN
2/6	NICOR INC
12/2	NI TDS
109	NOBLE AFF
10	NORD RESOU
51/5	NORTHROP
60/0	NORTON
24/7	NUVO IND
35/7	MUOR CORP
51/5	OKA INDS
22/4	OCX PETROPC
14/2	OSCAN DRILL
40/7	OSN ED CO
14/5	ORIO MATT
25/0	OLIN CORP
28/4	OMNICARE
25/0	ORION PICT
32/5	PAM AM
42/5	PANHANDLE
45/4	PARK ELECT
47/7	PARKER HAN
39/4	PATROCK PET
35/5	PAYLESS CSH
45/2	PULLMAN CO
25/6	PC TINDR-96
14/1	PEMIN CENTR
17/1	PERMIAULT
23/4	PEMCOILS
26/3	PEPSICO
55/4	PFIZER
59/2	PHELPS DOD
35/0	PHILIP MOR
29/3	PHILLIPS PE
16/0	PILLSBURY
12/6	PIN-BOMBS
34/7	PITON
6/2	POLAROID
18/6	PORTLAND GE
30/0	PRIME COMP
36/5	PRIME TINS
34/4	PRIMERICA
79/0	PROCT-GAM

1/4	1/5	SCOTTYS
1/4	1/5	SE BANK
1/3	82/3	SEAGRAM
1/5	36/5	SEASALL
1/5	36/5	SEASLEED
1/3	54/5	SEARS N
1/3	43/0	SEARS CO
1/5	36/6	SEA STR
5/4	16/3	SEHN N
3/3	3/4	SNER PLUL
5/2	56/0	SNITH J
1/0	24/0	SNOW
7/7	15/0	SNOW ON
1/7	21/7	SOURCE
1/0	36/6	SOUTHERN
5/5	37/0	SPAIN F
0	59/0	SPEERY
0	73/2	SQUARE
1/2	11/2	SQUIBB
1/0	31/0	STONE C
6/6	6/7	SUN CO
1/1	13/0	SUNDRSTR
1/6	9/6	SUNSH N
1/4	51/4	SUPER V
5/2	35/0	SUTHME
1/0	43/6	SW GAS
1/4	1/0	TAMBY C
5/4	26/4	TDK
1/1	16/0	TECO EN
7/2	27/1	TEKTRON
2/5	12/5	TELEBYN
0	45/3	TELEX C
0	8/2	TERADYN
1/2	14/2	TEBORO
5/5	7/0	TEX A&E
5/5	17/5	TEX EAS
5/5	25/5	TEXACO
1/0	18/0	TEXAS
4/2	4/2	TEKTRON
5/5	28/6	THOMPS
6/4	26/5	TIGER J
9/1	9/1	TIKKEN
2/2	22/3	TORCHWA
7/4	87/0	TOTS R
8/7	72/5	TRANSCA
1/1	18/3	TRANSCC
5/1	36/0	TRANSCC
1/1	51/0	TRAVELL
0/1	40/1	TRINITY
5/7	16/7	TU CORP
5/5	35/5	TRANSAM
2/5	22/4	UTO BRN
1/2	42/0	UTO TDE
6/6	11/2	UNILEVE
1/0	21/1	UNION C
2/4	12/3	UNION C
7/1	32/0	USX COR
8/7	28/6	US WEST
5/3	74/6	U
8/0	18/3	VALERO

13/4	13/3
23/1	25/2
53/2	53/0
0	13/0
0	4/7
35/6	35/5
17/5	17/6
19/1	19/2
23/7	23/7
68/0	68/0
53/2	53/0
9/0	9/0
45/4	45/3
36/7	36/6
0	37/4
21/6	21/7
10/2	10/4
13/0	13/0
47/2	47/1
33/6	33/5
57/0	57/0
49/2	49/2
4/0	4/0
23/1	23/0
16/0	16/1
21/3	21/3
37/2	37/3
41/0	40/6
71/0	72/6
22/7	23/0
22/0	22/2
326/0	326/0
0	49/0
15/7	15/7
10/0	9/7
14	14
25/7	25/7
45/7	46/6
33/0	33/6
41/0	40/5
25/5	25/3
21/3	21/2
7/0	7/0
11/4	11/3
62/5	62/5
31/5	31/5
2/7	3/0
37/3	37/0
33/4	33/4
34/4	34/5
6/1	6/1
33/7	33/6
28/5	28/4
18/5	18/4
37/1	37/2
89/0	88/7
17/2	17/3
36/6	36/5
52/0	51/7
32/3	32/3
22/5	22/4
25/7	26/0
28/2	28/0
54/5	54/5
35/2	35/0
8/2	8/1

World Indices

INDEX	LATEST	1/PREV-DAYS/2	PREV-OR	PREV-V
FT 30 ORD	1409.4	1409.9	1425.4	1373.3
FT 500 SHR	995.0	995.0	1016.3	957.6
FT ALL SHR	911.07	911.07	921.68	863.01
FT GOV SEC	86.72	86.72	86.85	87.92
FT GOLD MN	197.2	197.2	200.1	207.2
FT MINES F	518.03	518.03	521.59	517.46
FT OIL	1707.3	1707.3	1717.9	1834.0
FT WLD DLR	122.96	122.96	124.26	126.05
FT WLD STG	107.84	108.22	108.40	109.51
FT WLD LOC	113.34	113.28	114.07	115.44

London Stock Market Report

U.K. EQUITIES BOJDED BY WALL STREET IN LATE TRADE
LONDON, AUG 31, REUTER - A SLIGHTLY FIRMER OPENING ON WALL
STREET HELPED BRITISH EQUITIES IN LATE TRADING, IN A MARKET
ALREADY UNDERPINNED BY GOOD COMPANY RESULTS AND FRESH ACTION ON
THE BID FRONT, DEALERS SAID.
HOWEVER, RETAIL INTEREST WAS VERY LIGHT WITH LAST WEEK'S
HIGHER THAN EXPECTED BALANCE OF PAYMENTS DEFICIT AND ONE POINT
HIKE IN INTEREST RATES STILL KEEPING MANY INVESTORS ON THE
SIDELINES. THERE ARE STILL FEARS THAT RENEWED DOWNWARD PRESSURE
ON STERLING WILL PROMPT ANOTHER RISE IN THE COST OF BORROWING.
AT 1430 GMT THE FTSE 100 WAS 3.2 POINTS UP AT 1,758.0 WITH
VOLUME AT 1400 GMT JUST 294 MLN LEADING SHARES.
THE POUND WAS BASICALLY STEADY, JUST ONE BASIS POINT DOWN IN
TRADE-WEIGHTED TERMS AT 75.7 AND THE THREE-MONTH STERLING
INTERBANK RATE, A GUIDE TO THE LEVEL OF BASE RATES, WAS LITTLE
CHANGED AT 12-3/8 - 1/4 PCT COMPARED WITH 12 PCT BASE RATES.
ALTHOUGH THE TREND OF U.S. SHARES IS GOING TO BE A MAJOR
INFLUENCE ON OUR MARKET IN THE NEAR TERM, EVERYONE'S EYES ARE ON
THE FOREIGN EXCHANGE AND INTEREST RATE MARKETS^{U.S.} ONE TRADER SAID.
"WHAT GAINS THERE HAVE BEEN TODAY REPRESENT VERY THIN ICING
ON WHAT IS A VERY DULL CAKE," ANOTHER TRADER COMMENTED. "I CAN'T
SEE US GOING ANYWHERE BUT SIDEWAYS OR DOWN WITH VOLUME SO LOW."

London Gold

LONDON, AUG 31. REUTER - GOLD BULLION EXTENDED THE RECOVERY BEGINN THIS AFTERNOON WITH SHORT-COVERING BY PROFESSIONALS, AND PRICES EDGED HIGHER ON THE DAY.

GOLD CLOSED AT 429.75/430.25 DLRS AN OUNCE, UP 1.75 DLRS FROM YESTERDAY'S CLOSE, AFTER TRADING LOWER FOR MOST OF THE DAY

DEALERS SAID THE PRICE WAS LIFTED BY SHORT-COVERING FROM PROFESSIONALS WHO HAD AGGRESSIVELY SOLD DURING BIG HOUSING TRADING IN LONDON, AND AS THE MARKET APPROACHED ITS SESSION LOWS OF 426.42/426.50 DLRS.

THEY WERE ENCOURAGED TO COVER BY SLIGHTLY HIGHER NEW YORK COMEX GOLD FUTURES PRICES.

London Money Market

LONDON, JUL 31. REUTER - MONEY MARKET INTEREST RATES WERE LITTLE CHANGED IN LATE TRADING AFTER A QUIET DAY WITH NO NEW FACTORS EMERGING TO AFFECT SENTIMENT.

TRADERS SAID THE ONLY POSSIBLE INFLUENCE ON RATES WOULD BE THE LEVEL OF STERLING BUT AT 1500 GMT THE POUND WAS UNCHANGED AT TRADE-WEIGHTED TERMS AT 75.8.

ONE MONEY BROKER SAID, "THE LACK OF (U.K.) ECONOMIC NUMBERS IS KEEPING THE MARKET SUBDUED AWAY FROM SPECULATING AT THE END OF MONTH BUSINESS. WE'RE NOT SEEING ANYTHING BUT IT'S NOT DOING MUCH."

THE BENCHMARK THREE MONTH MONEY INTERBANK RATE WAS QUOTED 1/16 PERCENT, DOWN AT 12-3/4% 1/4 PCT.

Foreign Exchange

DLR	OLR	STG	DMK	FFR
STG	1.6810/20	1.6800/10	1.8775/85	6.3720/40
DMK	1.8708/8788	3.146/160	3.5580/6515	10.6865/7015
FFR	6.359/371	10.692/710	339.05/69	29.960/550
SFR	1.5820/5830	2.6593/6626	84.35/45	24.86/89
NFL	2.1175	3.5595	112.905	33.275
ECU	1.10568	.657749	2.07557	7.04349
SDR	1.29307	0.767537	2.11998	8.21099
YEH	136.50	229.45/77		

Morgan Stanley Capital International Indices

INDEX	LATEST	1/PREV-DAYS/2	PREV-QR	PREV-YR	
AUSTRALIA	312.2	309.6	315.8	306.2	259.3
AUSTRIA	221.6	221.3	222.0	208.9	215.4
BELGIUM	378.9	376.4	378.1	388.2	260.2
CANADA	427.5	356.4	354.7	375.1	350.7
DENMARK	427.7	427.7	428.6	436.4	336.6
FRANCE	359.8	357.8	358.5	370.5	288.5
GERMANY	181.2	179.1	180.0	176.9	158.6
HONG KONG	1800.7	1809.0	1809.4	1945.9	1644.3
FINLAND	116.9	118.1	119.5	123.5	108.1
ITALY	415.1	418.5	417.7	402.3	377.4
JAPAN	1263.2	1261.7	1272.2	1269.9	1022.3
NETHERLANDS	253.7	254.3	254.3	253.4	215.9
NEW ZEAL	98.5	97.5	98.7	96.1	98.9
NORWAY	457.7	459.2	458.8	498.9	392.4
SPORE	581.5	579.7	594.5	633.7	473.1
SPAIN	252.7	254.4	255.7	268.6	209.5
SWEDEN	907.2	901.4	903.9	917.0	856.8
SWITZ	158.9	158.4	159.7	157.4	140.7
U.K.	529.2	535.1	535.0	556.5	515.7
U.S.A.	242.0	241.9	239.4	251.9	229.4
WORLD	433.8	433.8	435.3	446.8	408.0
E.A.F.E.	810.9	811.2	819.4	829.3	757.5

*** Borrow up to 10 times your salary**

*** Low Interest Rate * Repayment up to 36 months**

Commercial Bank  البنك التجاري

Wall Street Statistics *Composite*

NYSE HIGHEST VOLUME				AMEX HIGHEST VOLUME			
GOLD INC	22 5/8	-	1/8	DOME PETE	1 1/8	-	UNICOR
TEXAS UT	28 3/8	+	1/8	UNICOR AM	6 1/2	-	1/8
OHIO ED	18 3/4	UNCH		AMDAHL CP	42 1/8	-	2 3/4
HANSON PLC	11 5/8	UNCH		HELM RES	3 3/4	+	1/8
WIKES	16	+	1/4	BAT IMOS	7 3/8	UNCH	
GENITOR	14	+	1/8	CARNIVAL	14 1/8	+	7/8
DUGMIE LT	15 1/2	+	1/4	KEYSTONE	2 1/8	+	1/4
WID-SO UTL	13 5/8	UNCH		JN PETERS	7 3/4	-	1/4
WASTE MAN	36 3/4	+	1/4	CHART-WED	36 5/8	+	1/8
P SVC MN	14 5/8	+	7/8	TEXAC CAN	31 1/8	+	1/8

NYSE LARGEST PER CENT CHANGE				AMEX LARGEST PER CENT CHANGE			
GIBRTR FIN	3	+	3/8	TOPUTT BR	2	+	1/4
IPKO CORP	10 3/4	+	1 1/4	KEYSTONE	2 1/8	+	1/2
KAMER SVC	2 3/8	-	1/4	GREATWA	5 1/8	+	1/2
SCUDDER NE	9	-	5/8	WORMHARDA	5 1/2	1	1/2
DENTAL CO	26	-	1 3/4	COMPUTER	15	1/8	1 1/4
NTSE VOLUME	43,185,900			AMEX VOLUME	8,274,900		
STOCKS UP	577			STOCKS UP	168		
STOCKS DOWN	386			STOCKS DOWN	127		
30-AUG NASDAQ VOLUME	94,545,900						
STOCKS UP 961,000	920						

Wall Street Market Report

NEW YORK, Aug 31, (Reuters) - Wall Street stocks gave up most of their early gains set off by a rise in bonds based on a strong dollar. S.G. Warburg senior trader Ken Ducey said. However, some analysts expected the jobs report Friday to raise the chance of a new federal reserve rate hike, lighting.

Concern about tighter credit led to early profit-taking brokers added: The Dow 30 was up at the 2043 after falling to 2050 earlier. Gaining issues kept a moderate lead over decliners. Ducey said the general market gain showed the risk avert could stay firm the rest of the week. Futures traders said light program gains behind the market's early gain.

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WORLD STOCK MARKETS

International Bond Highlights

FRANKFURT — Deutsche Bank Finance NV, a unit of Deutsche Bank AG, is launching a 600 mln mark Eurobond with a six pct coupon priced at 100-5/8, due on January 15, 1994. Deutsche said as sole lead.

London — Finnish Export Credit is issuing a 150 mln dir Eurobond due October 17, 1991 paying 9-1/2 pct and priced at 101-3/8 pct, lead manager Mitsubishi Finance International Ltd said. (RTTB 0800)

Zurich — Swiss Aluminium Ltd (Alusuisse) is launching a 150 mln Swiss franc, 4-3/4 pct, eight-year bond priced at par; lead manager Union Bank of Switzerland said. (RTTX 0831)

Tokyo — Marudai Food Co Ltd said it will issue 100 mln dir in four-year warrant bonds through public placement in overseas markets outside the US with Daiwa Europe Ltd as lead manager. (RTTC 0831)

Zurich — Japan Air System Co Ltd, a unit of Tokyo Corp, is issuing a 100 mln Swiss francs in convertible notes with an indicated coupon of 1/2 pct and par pricing; lead manager Swiss Volksbank said. (RTWD 1432)

Zurich — Apollo Electronics Co Ltd is launching 50 mln Swiss francs of live-year convertible notes indicated at 1/2 pct and priced at par, lead manager UBS said. (RTTW 0923)

Interbank Rates

CALL	ONE MONTH	THREE MONTHS
LDN 12-1/8 11-7/8	12-1/8 12	12-3/8 1/4
FFY 4.00/50	5.00/10	5.20/30
PAR 7-1/2 5/8	7-5/8 3/4	7-15/16 8/100
EUR 7-1/2 5/8	3-1/4 3-1/2	3-1/2 3-3/4
ROM 7-10-1/2	7-1/16 1/8	7-7/16 1/2
10-1/2 11	10-7/8 11-3/8	
MS 5-1/4 5-1/2	5-3/8 5-15/32	5-1/2 5-6/10
TKS 3.8125 8750	4-19/32 2500	UNQ
EDU 6.87 7-12	7-31 7-43	7-56 7-68

Interest Rates

FOLLOWING are the average KID interest rates of local interbank transactions as reported by participants to Central Bank of Kuwait yesterday

Period	Bid	Offered
1 month	6	6-3/8
3 months	6-1/16	6-3/8
6 months	6-3/16	6-1/2
1 year	6-3/16	6-9/16

BOMBAY

PR. CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	GLINDIA	55.25	56	57	58	59
ACC	232.50	232	231	61FC	46	46	46.50	46.50
ASIA PAINT	162.50	163.75	166.25	GRASIM	103	103	103	103
BAJAJ AUTO	252.50	250	256.25	GSFC	145	145	144	144
BAL. BAYM	218.50	222.50	230	IND LEVER	67.50	67.50	68	68
BOM. BYING	103.50	104.50	107	MINALCO	94	95.50	96	96
BR. BOND	91	92	93	NINCOCCO	80	79	78.50	78.50
BSE INDEX	585.07	586.71	587.93	NINOMOT	26.50	26.75	27.75	27.75
CENTURYS	937.50	940	945	IND ORG	29.50	30.50	32	32
COLGATE	225	227.50	242.50	INDRATON	64.25	64.25	65	65
DEEPAKERT	37	37	37	INDRATON	147.50	155	160	160
EL. HOTEL	50	49	50	ITC	66.50	67	69	69
ELKAYE	115	113.75	115	JKSYNTH	102	102	104.50	104.50
ESSAR	17	17.50	17.50	L AND T	57.50	57	58	58
GAR. POLY	74	73.50	75	JAHINDRA	10.25	10.12	10.25	10.25
GE. SHIP	27.50	27.60	28.25	MAHESHR	62	64	63	63

FRANKFURT

STOCK	LAST PR. CLSE
AEG	202.5
ALLIANZ VR	1506.0
BAELENBERK	180.0
BASF	260.5
BAYER	290.2
BAYER NY	327.0
BAYER VER	325.5
BBC	300.2
BFI	417.0
BHW	480.0
COMMERZB	228.5
CONTI GUM	239.8
DAIMLER BEN	653.0
DEUTSC BAK	458.4
OLY	377.0
PRESDORF	206.5
RAI BAROCK	175.5
RAI INDEX	481.5
REIDEMILE	270.0
GOLDSCHEID	285.5
HARPER	430.0
HOECHST AG	281.2
HOECHST	156.5
NORTEN	191.0
RUSSEL NLD	411.0
KALI. SALZ	167.0
KARSTADT	412.0
KARSTADT	348.5
KLOECK W	138.0
KLOECK V	0
LIENDE	672.0
LUFTHANSA	140.5
MAN	196.0
MANNESMAN	171.8
MERCEDES	522.0
METALLGES	284.0
NIXDORF PF	430.5
NORSK NYD	55.50
PHILIP KOM	600.5
PORSCH	561.0
PREUSSAG	171.0
PVA	216.5
RHEINMETAL	287.0
RUE	228.0
SAL P	211.5
SAHMANDER	250.5
SCHERING	497.0
SEL	276.7
SIEMENS	426.0
THYSEN	260.0
VARTA	255.5
VEBA	255.5
VOLKSWAGEN	159.4
WEL	246.5

HONG KONG

STOCK	LAST PR. CLSE
C N TUNNEL	15.00
CHEUNG K	7.05
CHINA GAS	15.10
CHINA L-P	15.20
CHINA NOTR	20.40
COSMO IND	3.45
EVERG PRO	4.4
FAR EAST C	71
GEN ORIENT	0
H C DEVELOP	9.50
H S INDEX	443.80
HANG LUNG	4.77
HANG SENG	27.90
HAW PAR BR	9.72
HK ELEC CO	7.05
HK KOWLOON	7.65
HK LAND CO	7.95
HK SHAN BK	6.05
HK TELE CO	4.47
HK TIAN CO	5.15
HUTCHMAN	8.20
IND EQ PAC	10.90
JARDINE N	12.40
KOMALON N	8.90
NEW WORLD	6.55
PAUL Y CON	2.97
REALTY DEV	7.15
S N K CO	1.79
S N K PROP	10.00
SINE DARY	2.00
STELUX HFG	2.75
SURE PAC	17.00
T V S CO	12.80
TAT CHEUNG	3.45
UNIT BANK	1.52
WOCK HAD	0
WOCK HAD	0
WORLD INTL	3.60

TOKYO

STOCK	LAST PR. CLSE
AJINOMOTO	2980
AKAI ELEC	605
AKAI	920
ASAMI OPT	1880
ASAMI GPT	680
BANK TOKYO	1570
BRIDGESTON	1300
BRIDGESTON	1450
CASIO CORP	1390
CHUBAI PHM	1580
CITIZEN W	862
O-ICHI KAN	2870
OAI NIP IK	766
OAI NIP PT	2550
OAI NIP SC	1060
OAI NIP TO	268
DAIICHI	825
DAIICHI	1970
DAIICHI	2260
EBRA NFG	929
EISAI	2000
FUJITSU	1720
FUJITSU	3120
FUJI PHOTO	3640
FUJISAWA	1810
FUJITSU CP	701
HITACHI	1670
HONDA MOT	2080
ISSETAN	2140
ITO YOKADO	4200
JAP SYN RY	1090
JAPAN AIR	14200
JAPAN MET	602
KAJIMA	1420
KANSAI EL	3000
KAO SOAP	1710
KAWASAKI N	574
KAWASAKI S	689
KIRIN BREW	1900
KOMATSU	730
KYOCERA	719
KYOCERA	5700
MAKITA EL	1640
MAKITA EL	3060
MATSUBA EI	2610
MATSUBA EL	0
NEIJI SEIK	951
NITSUBU CP	1100
NITSUBU EL	915
NITSUBU EST	2330
NITSUBU HVT	845
NITSUBU CO	826
NITSUBU KSHI	1860
NITSUBU COM	1030
NITSUBU COM	1320
NITSUBU COM	794
NITSUBU COM	1760
NIP ELEC	2070
NIP KOKKAN	626
NIP OIL	1090
NIP STEEL	656
NIP YUSEN	695
NIS MOTOR	1130
NOMURA SEC	3550
OHBA CO	921
OLYMPIUS	1100
PENTA OCM	850
PIONEER	3620
RENOMAN	936
RICOM	1270
SANKYO	2060
SANYO ELEC	672
SETSU ST	2100
SEKISUI PB	1710
SHARP	1130
SHISETO	1680
SONY	6690
SUMITOMO	1040
TAISEI	881
TAISHO MNI	1070
TAISEI MNI	2710
TEIJIN	770
TKO NEW IX	128.02
TOKIO MNI	1940
TOKIO ELEC	1230
TOKYO GAS	1190
TOKYO POAR	5580
TORAY IND	805
TOSHIBA EL	1040
TOYOTA MOT	2610
YAMAHA	1430
YAMATACHI	1770
YAMAMOTO	4100
YAMAZAKI	1450

Tokyo Stock Market Report

TOKYO STOCKS CLOSED LOWER IN TRIN TRADE. TOKYO, AUG 31, REUTER - SHARE PRICES CLOSED LOWER IN TRIN TRADE WITH NO FRESH FACTORS TO ENCOURAGE HESITANT INVESTORS, BROKERS SAID.

"IT'S ALL RATHER DULL, THERE IS VERY LITTLE BUYING INTEREST AND PEOPLE CONTINUE TO BE NERVOUS OVER INTEREST RATES, THE BOMB MARKET AND THE CURRENCY MARKET, AND UNTIL WE SEE THIS NERVOUSNESS DISSIPATING THE STOCK MARKET WILL CONTINUE TO BE UNDER PRESSURE," SAID JAMES TREGGAR, HEAD OF JAPANESE EQUITY SALES AT S.G. WARBURG SECURITIES (JAPAN) INC.

THE NIKKEI INDEX SANK 145.70 POINTS, OR 0.53 PCT, TO 27,365.95. IT GAINED 132.55 POINTS ON TUESDAY.

FALLS LED RISES BY ABOUT SEVEN TO FIVE IN DULL TURNOVER OF 400 MLN SHARES AGAINST 450 MLN.

AVERAGE DAILY VOLUME FOR AUGUST HAS BEEN ABOUT 622 MLN SHARES SO FAR, WITH THE FINAL FIGURE EXPECTED TO BE EVEN LOWER, AGAINST 1.45 BILLION IN JULY AND 1.74 BILLION IN JUNE.

RAILWAY, BUS, BANK, CREDIT/LEASE, SECURITIES HOUSE, SHIPBUILDING, PULP/PAPER, MINING, AUTO, OIL AND REAL ESTATE SHARES LED THE FALL.

COMMUNICATIONS, NON-LIFE INSURANCE, PRECISION INSTRUMENT, ROLLING STOCK, GAS, FOOD, ELECTRICAL AND CONSTRUCTION WERE THE ONLY RISING SECTORS.

"CURRENCY AND INTEREST RATES ARE THE BIGGEST WORRY. PEOPLE ARE WORRIED THAT IF THE U.S. RAISES ITS INTEREST RATES FURTHER JAPAN WILL HAVE TO FOLLOW," SAID IGUNITARO WATANABE, A BROKER AT NIKKO SECURITIES.

A FIRMER DOLLAR, TEMPORARILY BREAKING THROUGH 135 YEN IN TOKYO TRADE, UNSETTLED SOME INVESTORS. IF THE YEN CONTINUES TO WEAKEN, JAPANESE AUTHORITIES MAY HAVE TO RAISE OFFICIAL RATES TO DEFEND THE CURRENCY AND STEADY IMPORTED INFLATION.

"THE MARKET HODGE IS BAD. VOLUME IS LOW AND THERE ARE NO NEW FUNDS COMING IN. PEOPLE HOPE IT WILL PICK UP, BUT IT KEEPS FALLING AND INDIVIDUALS KEEP SELLING," SAID WATANABE.

Hong Kong Market Report

HONG KONG, AUG 31, REUTER - STOCKS CLOSED MARGINALLY HIGHER WITH MOST GAINS FROM A MIDDAY RALLY PARED BY LAST MINUTE OVERSEAS FUND MANAGER SELLING, BROKERS SAID.

THE HANG SENG INDEX FINISHED 4.25 HIGHER AT 2,443.80 AFTER GAINING 17 POINTS IN THE MORNING SESSION AND THE BROADER BASED HONG KONG INDEX WAS UP 5.18 AT 1,615.63. TURNOVER TOTALLED 391.77 MLN H.K. DLS AGAINST 513.45 MLN ON TUESDAY.

BROKERS NOTED SOME EARLY BARGAIN HUNTING BY LOCAL INVESTORS, WHILE MOST OF THE MARKET WAS PREOCCUPIED BY NEWS THAT A CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITIES OF CHINA (CAAC) PASSENGER AIRCRAFT CRASHED WHILE LANDING HERE.

AMMAN

OPNG	CLSG
ALA-ADIN COMPANY	0.66
ARAB ALUMINUM IND.	0.50
ARAB BANK	0.50
ARAB CHEMICAL DTER	3.14
ARAB FINANCE CORP.	2.00
ARAB INSURANCE	2.15
ARAB INT. INV/TRADE	4.00
ARAB INT. UNION INS	0.90
ARAB INT. HOTELS	0.58
ARAB JOR/INVEST/BK	2.05
ARAB PAPER COM/TRADE	2.20
ARAB PHARMA. MANF.	0.76
ARAB PHARMA/CHEM	0.75
ARAB POTASH CO.	1.65
ARABIAN SEAS INS.	1.00
BANK OF JORDAN	0.95
BELGIUM INSURANCE	28.00
CAIRO AMMAN BANK	1.05
CONFECT/CHOCOLATE	1.25
DAR AL SHAAB PRESS	3.65
DAR ALDAMA OV/INV.	2.39
DARCO/INVEST/HOUS.	1.33
FINANCE/CREDIT/COO	1.40
GARAGE OWNERS OFF	0.75
GENERAL INVESTMENT	1.26
GENERAL MINING	1.47
HIMMEL MINERALS	1.50
HOLY LAND INS.	1.26
IND. MATCH JENDO	1.47
INDUSTRIAL DEVELT BANK	1.50
INDUSTRIAL/COM/AGR.	0.75
INDUSTRIAL INVEST.	0.75
INTERN. COM/INV	0.85
IRBID ELECTRICITY	0.86
ISLAMIC INV. HOUSE	0.64
INTERMED/PETRI/CN	0.79
J. TOUR-SP COMPLEX	0.80
JERUSALEM INS.	1.26
JO TOBACCO/CIGARET	25.01
JOR CERAMIC FACTOR	25.05
JOR EAGLE INS.	0.94
JOR FINANCE HOUSE	0.93
JOR GLASS INDUSTRY	2.50
JOR HOTEL TOURISM	2.30
JOR INDUSTRY CHEM.	1.20
JOR INS AND FIN.	1.20
JOR LEASING CORP.	0.66
JOR LIN BRICK	0.62
JOR MANAG/CONSULT	0.50
JOR NATIONAL BANK	0.50
JOR PAPER CARDBROG	3.14
JOR PHOSPHATE MINS	2.00
JOR PIPES MANUFACT	2.15
JOR PRESS/PUBLISM.	4.00
JOR PRINTING/PACK.	4.05
JOR ROCK WOOL IND.	0.90
JOR SECURIT CORP.	0.58
JOR SELPHO CHEM.	4.60
JOR WOOD INDUSTRY	1.00
JOR WORSTED MLL	4.60
JOR. KUWAIT AGR	1.00
JOR. PETROLEUM REF	0.94
JOR. FRENCH INS.	0.95
JOR. INV. FIN. CORP.	13.85
JORDAN GULF REAL	13.90
JORDAN DAIRY	1.97
JORDAN GULF BANK	1.97
JORDAN GULF INS.	0.69
JORDAN INSURANCE	0.73
JORDAN ISLAMIC BANK	0.60
JORDAN PHAMAT BANK	60.00
JORDAN TANNING	60.00
LIVESTOCK/POULTRY	0.60
MACH/ENG/RENT/MAIN	0.55
MAS INDUSTRIES	0.69
MIDDEL EAST HOTEL	0.73
MIDDEL EAST INS.	0.60
MINERALS RESEARCH	0.60
NAT. FIN. INVEST CO	0.60
NAT. CABLE/WIRE/MF	1.22
NATIONAL AMIA INS	1.22
NATIONAL INDUSTRY	0.39
NATIONAL PORTFOLIO	0.68
NATIONAL STEEL	0.68
ORIENT ORY BATTERY	0.25
PETRA BANK	1.97
PETRA JOR. INS.	0.35
PHILADELPHIA INS.	0.75
RAFIA INDUSTRIAL	0.42
REAL ESTATE INV.	0.75
SHIPPING LINES	0.75
SPINNING WEAVING	0.75
THE HOUSING BANK	0.75
UNITED INSURANCE	0.75
UNIVERSAL CHEM. IND	0.75
UNIVERSAL INS.	0.75
WOOLEN INDUSTRIES	0.75
YARMOUK INSURANCE	1.05

PHILIPPINES MAKATI

COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL	SECTOR	BUY	SELL	OPEN
STOCK	BUY	9.20	9.30	9.20
AC-A	2.55	2.60	2.50	2.55
AMS	2.65	2.70	2.70	2.65
FER-A	34.00	34.50	34.00	34.00
GLO	216.00	217.00	217.00	216.00
KPLST	2.04	2.08	2.08	2.04
PLDT	143.00	144.00	144.00	143.00
SNC-B	220.00	222.00	222.00	220.00
MINING	0.032	0.033	0.033	0.032
APX-A	0.033	0.034	0.034	0.033
AT-A	20.00	20.25	19.75	20.00

Makati Stock Market Report

OFFICIAL INFORMATION	SECTOR	SHARES	VALUE	AVERAGES	CHANGES
COMM IND	756,290	6,726,050	894.73	5.02	UP
MINING	31,940,450	2,675,200	4,452.62	4.96	N
OIL	561,550,000	6,438,780	5.325	0.17	UP
TOTAL	594,246,740	15,840,030	774.04	2.39	UP

PHILIPPINES MANILA

COMMERCIAL

Yen sinks

Dollar firms as Japan rules out rate hike

LONDON, Aug. 31. (Reuters): The yen sagged today after the Japanese central bank ruled out joining the United States and Western European nations in raising interest rates.

Investors snapped up dollars, betting that relatively high US interest rates would keep returns high on dollar-denominated bank accounts and bonds.

Wall Street was little changed as the Dow Jones Industrial Average dipped 0.89 points to 2,037.34 at New York's midday. London's FTSE index of 100 blue chip shares slipped 1.2 points to 1,753.6 and Tokyo's Nikkei average fell 145.70 points to 27,365.95.

Gained

The dollar rose about a penny to 1.8780 West German marks and gained more than a cent to trade at about \$1.6835 to the British pound sterling. The yen dipped as low as 136.75 to the dollar, down 2.3 yen or 1.7 per cent. It fell against other currencies as well.

"This has been a massive move for the yen after such a long period of stability," a London dealer said.

Dealers said the decline followed news that the Bank of Japan did not plan to raise its discount rate from 2.5 per cent.

Last week six European central banks, including West Germany's Bundesbank and the Bank of England, increased key rates. The US Federal Reserve put up its discount rate on Aug 9 from six to 6.5 per cent, its first change in almost a year.

Sure

"At least for the short term, it's pretty sure bet that you're going to do pretty well if you're short (selling) the yen," said Teri Reid of Chicago-based Harris Trust and Savings Bank.

A Japanese news report that Japan may impose a tax of up to 26 per cent on profits from some stock transactions also hit the yen.

Meanwhile, in ruling out any rise in the Japanese discount rate from the present 2.5 per cent — a level in force since February, 1987 — the Bank of Japan sources said they did not regard recent yen moves against the dollar as significant.

Currency dealers expected trading to be relatively quiet until Friday's release of US employment data for August, the first major indication of the likely direction of the US economy this month.

Bullish

"I don't think the market is as bullish as it was last week... then we all wanted to see 1.90 marks," a German dealer said.

Some dealers said the Bank of Japan seemed to be trying to engineer a significant weakening of the yen.

In a commentary in London on Wednesday morning, US-based Mellon Bank said it appeared the Japanese central bank wanted the yen back down to the original Louvre Accord (February 1987) range of 138 to 153.00 to the dollar.

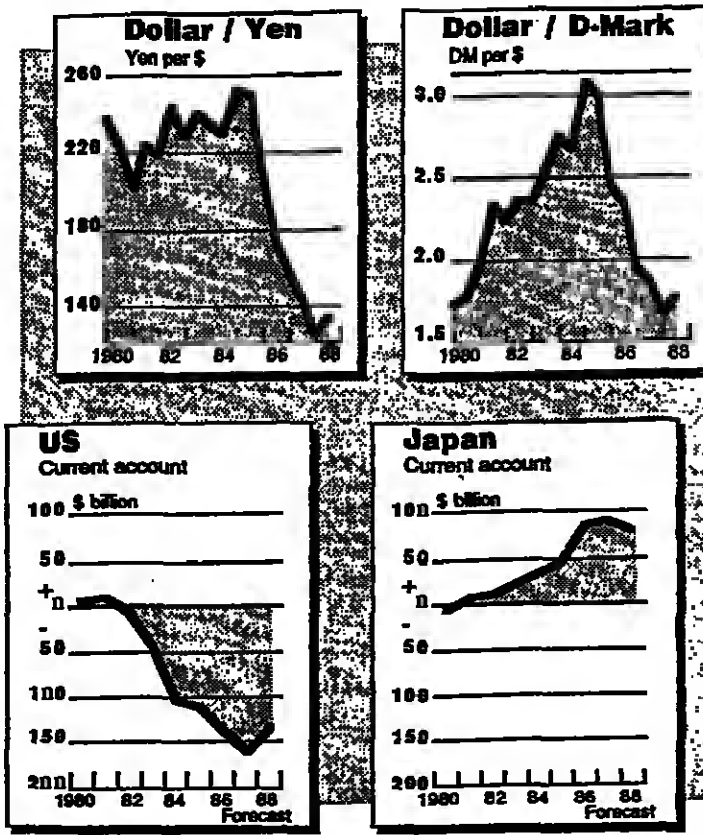
"Coming on top of speculation of possible taxation on profits on some stock transactions, they (the Bank of Japan) may find they'll see significant moves very soon," Mellon said.

Weak

Dealers said the pound sterling's tone remained weak after last Thursday's announcement of a record British balance of payments deficit in July but added it was unlikely to move much while the currency market's attention was focused on the dollar.

Leading West Germany shares firmed fractionally across the board in dull turnover in Frankfurt, following similarly directionless trading in Tokyo and New York.

French share prices started the screen-based continuous session slightly higher in an extremely dull, directionless market,



dealers said.

In Sydney, share prices fell in thin, lacklustre trading. The All Ordinaries index dropped 10.4 points to 1,570.0.

Hong Kong's Hang Seng index finished 4.25 higher at 2,443.80 after gaining 17 points in the morning session.

Gold was fixed in London this afternoon at \$427.75, the same as Tuesday afternoon's fix.

Oil prices firmed, with Brent crude from the North Sea trading at \$14.76 a barrel for delivery in October, up about 10 cents. In Chicago, wheat and corn (maize) prices fell.

In London a slightly firmer opening on Wall Street helped to buoy UK equities in late trading, in a market already underpinned by good company results and fresh action on the bid front, dealers said.

However, retail interest was very light with last week's higher than expected balance of payments deficit and one point hike in interest rates still keeping many investors on the sidelines.

There are still fears that renewed downward pressure on sterling will prompt another rise in the cost of borrowing.

At 1430 GMT the FTSE 100 was 3.2 points up at 1,758.0 with volume at 1400 GMT just 294 million leading shares.

The pound was basically steady, just one basis point down in trade-weighted terms at 75.7 and the three-month sterling interbank rate, a guide to the level of base rates, was little changed at 12-3/8 1/4 per cent compared with 12 per cent base rates.

"Although the trend of US shares is going to be a major

influence on our market in the near term, everyone's eyes are on the foreign exchange and interest rate markets," one trader said.

"What gains there have been today represent very thin icing on what is a very dull cake," another trader commented. "I can't see us going anywhere but sideways or down with volume so low."

Good interim figures from life insurance group Pearl and composite insurer Guardian Royal, together with an increased offer for property group Peachey and a bid for market research group AGB by a Maxwell Communication unit, helped keep the wider market alive, dealers said.

Peachey was by far the most active issue today with over 31.7 million shares changing hands for a 33p rise to 645 after an increased 650p per share offer from Dutch property group Wereldhave. The new offer values Peachey at some 282 million.

Peachey recently revised its estimate of its net asset value to 676p per share.

Wereldhave now holds 46.49 per cent of Peachey, up from an original 12.5 per cent. The extra shares were purchased at the new offer price of 650p per share. The hostile offer will be open for acceptance until 1200 GMT on Sept 19.

Strong

Property analysts said the continuing strong turnover in Peachey shares indicates that Wereldhave will gain control.

The new Peachey bid helped the rest of the property sector which gained 1.8 per cent overall.

Land Securities at 434 and MEPC at 524 were both 10p higher while Slough Estates firmed 7p to 293 after half-year results.

AGB was the second most active issue with over 10.8 million shares traded and a 3p rise to 217 after Pergamon Professional and Financial Services PLC made an agreed £134.2 million offer for the

group. Pergamon already owns 14.99 per cent of AGB.

Maxwell Communication announced half year pre-tax profits of £71.9 million compared with 70.5 million in 1987, at the lower end of dealers' expectations. Its shares were last 3p up at 199p.

Pearl Group, the parent of Pearl Assurance, stood 2p lower at 469 after a high of 472 on news of half year pre-tax profits up to £28.88 million from 21.88 million in 1987.

Stake

FAI Securities Ltd, an Australian group owned by Larry Adler, today announced it had raised its stake in Pearl to 8.09 per cent from 7.1 per cent. Analysts again said they doubted Adler would make a bid but thought it possible that he would sell his stake on to a potential bidder if the price were right.

Elsewhere in the insurance sector, Guardian Royal was unchanged at 176p after reporting first half profits of £111.7 million vs £82.2 million. Dealers said the results were towards the higher end of forecasts which ranged from £95 million to £115 million.

Exporters tended firmer as the pound held steady with ICI up 5p at 1,000 and Glaxo 6p higher at 947.

Oil group Burmah stood out with a 9p rise to 512, having been recently oversold, on light demand ahead of half year figures due next week.

The wider market stood mixed at the official close as Wall Street lost its earlier shine. The FTSE 100 ended 1.2 points off at 1,753.6 with volume at the close 357 million shares.

Tomorrow sees six month figures from Cadbury, Warburtons' analysts are forecasting £75 million pre-tax, in line with the bulk of other market forecasts. This would compare with 63.6 million in the corresponding period last year.

GCC ministers formulate guidelines for EEC talks

RIYADH, Aug. 31. (Agencies): Finance ministers of Gulf Arab states have worked out guidelines for talks with the European Economic Community (EEC) on a possible free trade pact, Saudi Arabian Finance Minister Sheikh Mohammed Ali Abal Khalil said today.

Ministers from the six Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC) states discussed issues ranging from the talks to unifying customs and financial policies of the member states, Sheikh Mohammed said at the end of the two-day meeting.

Agreement

The two groups signed a trade and co-operation agreement in June and are due to discuss a wider pact. EEC tariffs on Gulf petrochemicals exports are among the issues to be settled.

The GCC countries — Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Oman and Bahrain — have invested heavily in the petrochemical industry in the last decade and say tariffs are unfair. The EEC is worried that cheap Gulf exports will flood the European market.

Sheikh Mohammed told reporters the finance ministers would meet again before the GCC summit in Bahrain in November.

Kuwait's Finance and Economy Minister Jasssem Mohammed Al Khorafi returned here today after leading the Kuwaiti delegation to the meetings of the GCC financial and economic co-operation committee in Riyadh.

Khorafi told KUNA that meetings agreed to entrust governors of GCC central banks with preparing a study on the benefits of establishing a common basket of currencies to stabilise GCC currency rates.

He added that the decision was adopted in light of attempts to increase financial co-operation among the six GCC states and co-ordinate budgetary classifications and final accounts systems. The committee, he asserted, approved a proposal for the application of tax laws in some



Jasssem Al Khorafi
GCC states. The proposal stipulates that a GCC citizen should be treated as a citizen of the country if he was living in a host country in matters relating to taxes.

During the two-day meetings, Khorafi said the participants discussed proposals on the article 24 of the united economic agreement which is related to exemption of tariffs at GCC ports.

The minister said that the committee has decided to delay taking a decision on this issue until further studies are conducted to ensure that the correct position is reached.

The committee also discussed the technical problems regarding acquisition of certificates of origin for industrial products and ways to overcome those problems, the minister said.

He added that such an issue will also be discussed at a meeting for the chief executives of the custom services of the GCC states and a report will be submitted to the committee for further discussions.

Endorsement of a unified law on protecting national products has been postponed for further studying, Khorafi stated.

He said that the committee decided to exempt pure tobacco grown in GCC states from custom tariffs, but noted that a unanimous decision on increasing tariffs on foreign tobacco and its derivatives was not endorsed because of UAE's opposition.

Khorafi said the committee will meet again on November 9.

Committee to encourage Kuwait's exports

A KUWAITI committee of representatives from Kuwait Investment Authority, the Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Industrial Bank of Kuwait and the Jeddah-based Islamic Development Bank was recently formed to encourage Kuwaiti exports, a local daily reported.

Quoting a reliable source, the daily said the committee was formed at the request of the Islamic Development Bank in keeping with the charter of the Islamic Fund related to financing exports.

The Islamic Fund was established during the Fifth Islamic Conference held in Kuwait in 1987. The capital of the fund is \$270 million to be provided by member states.

On Kuwait's export front, Kuwait's Ministry of Commerce and Industry indicated that non-oil exports during 1987 amounted to KD44 million, compared to about KD44 million in 1986. The report added that 94 per cent of these exports went to GCC countries — with 75 per cent going to Saudi Arabia.

Exports included steel sheds, auto-frames, steel pipes, prefabricated houses, cables, fibre glass, isolating materials, chemicals, paints, insecticides, publications, soft drinks and shortening.

The Gulf Organisation for Industrial Consulting is preparing economic and technical feasibility studies for Gulf and Arab joint projects in the field of petroleum derivatives and aluminium smelters, the report added.

New guidelines to give the go-ahead for investments

NEW DELHI, Aug. 31. (KUNA): Guidelines for setting up joint ventures and subsidiaries abroad are being revised by the Indian government.

The changes envisaged include reduction in the minimum dividend to be repatriated by these companies. Presently, the minimum dividend is 50 per cent of the profit after tax, or 20 per cent of the accumulated reserves, whichever is higher.

The new guidelines will also give Indian promoters of joint ventures the go-ahead for new investment plans without waiting for approval from the Indian government. The companies will, however, have to seek post facto approval.

The change in the guideline is expected to benefit a large number of companies, which have not been able to proceed with plans because the government's clearance was delayed. While procedural bottlenecks are expected to be ironed out, it is also necessary to make more stringent appraisals of new joint ventures to be set up abroad.

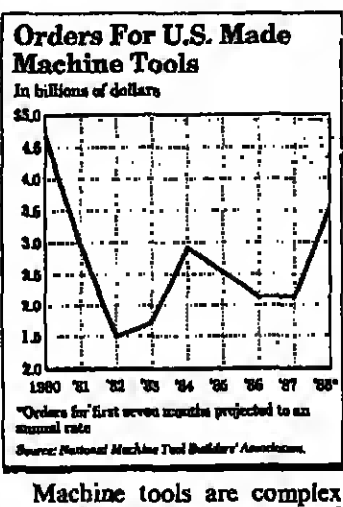
Bright outlook for US machine tools

PITTSBURGH, Aug. 31. A reviving US machine tool industry, bolstered by a 57 per cent rise in July orders, puts its latest technology on display in Chicago next week. And for the first time this decade, industry executives won't have to fake enthusiasm as they greet prospective customers.

The resurgence in demand for US machine tools likely to last at least through 1989 if the dollar doesn't climb much further, many economists and industry executives say. The demand is buoyed by the general health of US manufacturing industry, which would be undermined if the prices of US goods again soared because of a strong dollar, according to Wall Street Journal.

The International Machine Tool Show, which opens Sept. 7, will showcase \$315 million of state-of-the-art manufacturing technology from 1,181 companies and 28 countries. Before it closes Sept. 15, the show will be seen by 100,000 managers and engineers from around the world and may ring up \$1 billion in sales, according to its sponsor, the National Machine Tool Builders' Association.

"We expect a lot more customer interest this year than we had at the shows two years and four years ago," says Daniel J. Meyer, president of Cincinnati Milacron Inc., the largest US machine tool producer.



Machine tools are complex machines that shape most metal parts, and the industry's recovery is vital to restoring US prowess in making durable goods. Machine tools range from lathes and milling machines to metal-forming presses.

US machine tool makers, fighting back from the 1981-82 recession and the layoffs made by foreign competition as the dollar soared in the mid-1980s, received \$36.3 million of orders last month, the industry association said. That was up from \$163 million a year earlier.

July's orders were down 33 per cent from June's \$382.8 million. But the June bookings were the highest for any month since mid-1980, and many machine tool plants as well as factories using

machine tools close for vacations in July.

In the first seven months of 1988, orders totalled \$2.07 billion, an 80 per cent jump from \$1.15 billion a year earlier.

Machine tool export orders, meanwhile, have risen 76 per cent this year from a year before.

With US exports of manufactured goods now soaring and imports slowing, investment in new factory equipment is running high. Adrian T. Dillon, chief economist for Eaton Corp., says US business spending on all types of machinery and equipment will rise more than 13 per cent this year and 7 per cent to 8 per cent next year.

Boom

And the spending boom he says, finally has spread to machine tools and other production machinery. Earlier in the current boom, US companies were buying mainly computers, telecommunications equipment and other potentially cost-saving electronic devices.

"We're seeing more serious activity in plant expansion and modernization than we've had at any other time in the 1980s," says Edson I. Gaylord, chairman and chief executive of Ingersoll Milling Machine Co., Rockford, Illinois. "Caterpillar, Ford Motor, the aircraft manufacturers and a whole lot of other companies are planning major projects to make their operations

more efficient."

Says James R. Roberts, vice-president, world-wide sales and marketing, for Giddings & Lewis, a unit of Amca International Corp., "There's a confidence level among our customers that we haven't seen in quite a while. They are looking for a good level of business in their own products and are willing to invest in production equipment."

Gains

So far, however, the order gains haven't greatly helped machine tool makers' profits. Prices continue to be held down by competition, although there's less discounting than there was a year ago. And because of the time required to engineer and produce the machines, shipments don't yet reflect the rise in orders. July's shipments of \$188.3 million were 4.8 per cent less than a year earlier, the industry group said, and shipments for the first seven months were down 2.5 per cent.

As always in the capital goods industry, there are threats to machine tool makers' emerging prosperity. Some industry executives' highest concern is the recent rebound of the dollar. A continued climb in the currency, sparked by rising US interest rates, could weaken exports, undermine capital investment and intensify competition from non-US machine tool makers.

Duller markets give MCC limited opportunity for profitable deals

LONDON, Aug. 31. (UPI): Robert Maxwell's global printing and publishing empire, Maxwell Communications Corporation (MCC), greatly increased its sales in the first half of 1988, but soaring costs and operating expenses took their toll, it was announced at a press conference today.

Maxwell, publisher of the Daily Mirror, Sunday Mirror and Sporting Life among other publications, announced pre-tax profits of £71.9 million (\$122.23 million) compared with £70.5 million (\$119.85 million) for the same period last year was right at the very bottom end of market expectations.

Oil output declines

BAHRAIN, Aug. 31. (Reuters): Bahrain, the first state in the Gulf to find oil, reported a two per cent drop in crude production last year.

The annual report of the Bahrain Monetary Authority (BMA), quoted by the Bahrain-based Gulf News Agency, said output slipped from 15.5 million barrels in 1986 to 15.2 million barrels in 1987.

Bahrain spudded in the first oil well in the area in 1932. But oil industry sources say the wells are slowly drying up.

Earnings per share sank to 8.8 pence (14.9 cents) compared with 12.6 pence (21.42 cents) for the same time last year.

The dividend, was maintained, at 6 pence (10.2 cents).

In the first half of last year, the company made heavy profits from share dealing and property.

Investment
Net interest and investment contributed £32.1 million (\$54.57 million) to the pre-tax figure.

This time, in much duller markets which gave limited opportunity for profitable deals, the figure crashed down to £9.7 million (\$16.49 million).

Despite the dull pre-tax figure, a 33 per cent increase to £50.7 million (\$86.19 million) in operating profit decided the market that MCC's earnings, though much less, look to be coming from more solid sources and the shares perked up 4 pence (6.8 cents) to 200 pence (\$3.40).

Sales were £505.7 million (\$859.69 million) compared with £370.2 million (\$639.34 million) for the same time last year.

But costs soared £100 million (\$170 million) to £366 million (\$622.2 million), and operating expenses jumped £24 million (\$40.8 million) to £389.9 million (\$151.13 million).

The rambling empire seems to be getting a little out of hand — perhaps because Maxwell has so

much on his plate, some market analysts said.

His bid of £1.4 billion (\$2.38 billion) for US publishers Macmillan is making progress, but Macmillan, which has dismissed the \$80 a share offer as inadequate, has now provided Maxwell with some information about its operations.

At the press conference Maxwell declined to comment on speculation that MCC might reach a compromise deal with the Macmillan management to buy out the information side of the US group, estimated to be at least half the total.

He said today's announcement about discussions which took place yesterday between himself and the Macmillan chairman had been carefully worded and agreed to both sides.

He said these discussions would continue and "we have agreed to meet again shortly."

"This meeting will be in the US next week," Maxwell said.

He said "the Macmillan rejection had been on the ground that \$80 a share was not enough."

"Would you expect a seller to say anything else?" he said.

Asked about reports that he is interested in buying the privately owned Panini Company in Italy, which has some £70 million (\$119 million) sales largely in the children's market, Maxwell said "we are in discussions."

Gould and Nippon Mining announce merger pact

ROLLING MEADOWS, Illinois, Aug. 31. (UPI): Gould Inc. and Nippon Mining Co. Ltd. yesterday announced a \$1.1 billion merger agreement.

News of the merger prompted heavy trading in Gould stock on the New York Stock Exchange, with 1,295,700 shares changing hands. Gould gained 7-1/8 points to close at 22-3/4.

Nippon Mining US Inc., Nippon's US subsidiary, will soon launch a \$23.25 per share cash tender offer for all outstanding common shares of Gould, the companies announced in a joint news release. The total value of the deal is estimated at about \$1.1 billion.

The merger agreement has been approved unanimously by the boards of directors of both firms.

Decision

"The decision by the Gould board of directors to accept Nippon Mining's offer was based first and foremost on maximizing share value for our stockholders," Gould chairman James F. McDonald said.

The \$23.25 tender offer by Nippon Mining US is conditioned on acquiring a minimum of 23.5 million shares of Gould stock. As of July 31, there

were 45,034,053 outstanding shares.

Following completion of the tender offer, Nippon Mining and Gould will be merged.

Gould designs, develops and manufactures computers and electronic products used in information processing, defence, engineering and scientific applications.

Nippon Mining Co. Ltd., is one of Japan's 50 largest industrial firms, involved in a number of fields, from mining and smelting to petroleum production and bio-technology.

Nippon Mining president Yukio Kasahara said the acquisition of Gould "will enable Nippon Mining to continue its planned expansion in the global marketplace and further enhance Nippon Mining's competitive position in several key businesses, primarily electro-deposited copper foil, fuses, fiber optic components and optoelectronics."

"We expect that our shareholders and employees will greatly benefit from the Gould acquisition," Kasahara said.

He said following the acquisition, Gould will operate as a wholly owned subsidiary under the Gould name.

US oil prices jump

NEW YORK, Aug. 31. (OPECNA): Energy futures advanced on the New York Mercantile Exchange yesterday on news that oil stocks in the United States had decreased.

The weekly storage report from the American Petroleum Institute (API) disclosed that crude oil stocks were down by 4.2 million barrels last week while distillates fell by around three million.

Gasoline stocks rose by 699,000 barrels, said the report.

Traders and analysts were quoted by news agency reports as saying that market players were still closely watching developments concerning the visit to OPEC member countries by the organisation's secretary-general Dr Suharto.

Trading

West Texas Intermediate, the US benchmark crude, ended the day's trading five cents up at \$15.27 a barrel for October delivery.

Home-heating oil for September delivery gained 0.38 cents to finish at 43.14 cents a gallon while unleaded gasoline for the same month ended trading at 48.03 cents a gallon, up by 0.79 cents.

WORLD STOCK ROUNDUP

SYDNEY, Aug. 31. (Reuters): The market continued a downward spin in thin featureless trade. Interest rate and inflation fears fed the spiral. The All Ordinaries index fell 10.4 to 1,570.

TOKYO — Prices closed lower in thin trade and no fresh factors likely to relieve dull interest. The Nikkei index sank 145.7 to 27,365.95.

HONG KONG — Prices closed marginally up with most gains from a midday rally pared by last-minute overseas fund manager selling. The Hang Seng index was up 4.25 to 2,443.8.

SINGAPORE — Prices closed higher across the board on scattered bargain-hunting but some late profit-taking pared earlier gains. The Straits Times index rose 16.38 to 1,036.59.

BOMBAY — Share prices firmed for the second day on heavy buying by state-owned financial institutions. Sentiment was helped by expectations of better half-yearly corporate results.

FRANKFURT — Shares slipped back from early gains to close marginally lower in quiet to moderate trading, buttressed by a perception that interest rates were stabilising. The Dax index fell 0.17 to 1,165.36.

ZURICH — Share prices closed lower in mostly featureless trad-

ing which grew slightly livelier towards the end of the session. The Swiss index lost 3.2 points to 885.5.

PARIS — French share prices ended at their day's highs, stimulated by foreign buying in a broad cross-section of leading shares. The 50-share price indicator posted a late 0.45 per cent gain.

NEW YORK — Wall Street stocks lost most of an early, modest advance scored on rising bond prices.

India to import oil from Iraq

NEW DELHI, Aug. 31. (OPECNA): India intends importing 3.50 million tonnes of crude oil from Iraq during 1988-89, Minister of State for Petroleum and Natural Gas Braham Dutt has announced in parliament.

He told the upper chamber that India would also purchase oil over the period from Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Iraq, Kuwait and the Soviet Union.

He admitted that Indian oil production during 1987-88 had fallen below target due to a decline in output from certain fields.

Toyota to export US-made cars to Taiwan

TOYOTA, Japan: Toyota Motor Corp. is exporting 200 US-made Corolla FXs for sale in Taiwan, the company announced recently.

The cars will be shipped to Toyota's Taiwan distributor, Ho-Tai Motor Co., Ltd. to Taipei.

The decision to export to Taiwan comes in response to strong customer requests in Taiwan for the early introduction of a Toyota passenger car.

Vehicles

Toyota now sells its mid-sized truck, Dyna, in Taiwan. In October sales of a Taiwan-produced one-ton class commercial vehicle, the ZACE, will begin.

Toyota plans to begin production of passenger cars in Taiwan next spring.

The Corolla FXs being shipped to Taiwan were produced at Toyota's joint-venture with General Motors, New United Motors Manufacturing, Inc. (NUMMI) in Fremont, Calif., USA.

The 200 vehicles were shipped from California on Aug 18 and are scheduled to go on sale in Taiwan in October.

Reliance petrochemicals debenture issue oversubscribed

BOMBAY, Aug. 31. Reliance Petrochemicals, Limited, has announced that its fully convertible debenture issue for an aggregate amount of Rs 593.40 crores (inclusive retention of 15 per cent oversubscribed), the largest ever capital issue in the corporate history in the country has been heavily oversubscribed, and the subscription list for the same was closed at

Dear Junior Readers,

You have probably noticed the great number of stray cats that roam around the streets of Kuwait. Now, as appealing as they may be, especially the kittens, do think twice before 'adopting' them. As you can read in the caption that goes with the picture of the 'orphan' owl below, the best thing to do if you find an animal wandering around alone is to leave it where it is. Not only is there a chance that you are taking a young animal away from its absent mother, but you could also be making a whole lot of trouble for yourself by having to look after it, and, in the case of these cats, you could be in danger of getting some nasty diseases from a scratch or a bite.

Do not misunderstand me—I am not suggesting that you just leave the poor things to starve. By all means put out some food or water for them, but it is really not a good idea to pick them up or take them into your home. The point is that they are neither wild nor tame, so although they will come to you for food, you will probably never be able to make a pet of one, which means that you will always have doubts about the state of its health.

Ainthe Jayne

By Thomas Crofton Croker

THIS is the story that granny told me, sitting in her garden one summer evening, when I was sure I had just seen a fairy among the beans. Do I believe in fairies? Why, of course I do. Haven't I seen one with my own eyes. Seeing is believing you know, and although this was many, many years ago, I can still tell you what the little fellow was like.

One day, I was sitting in the garden here, with my knitting in my hand. It was a fine, sunny day, about the middle of June. The bees were humming among the flowers; the birds were chirping and hopping on the bushes, and everything smelt fresh. All of a sudden I heard

among the rows of beans a noise that went tick-tack, tick-tack; it was just like a cobbler putting on the heel of a shoe.

"What can that be?" I said to myself.

So I laid down my knitting and went quietly over to the beans, and what do you think I saw? A little old mao no bigger than my thumb, with such a funny little hat on his head! He had a little red coat on his back, and silver buckles on his shoes. Of course, I knew at once the little man was a fairy cobbler. You didn't think that the fairies needed shoemakers?

Oh, but they do, for the little people are so fond of dancing that they soon wear out their shoes. The fairy cobbler is the only fairy who works really hard. All the others do



The fairy cobbler

nothing but dance and play tricks.

The cobbler always carries a purse with a bright piece of silver in it. It is a great find to get your hands on a fairy purse.

Well, I kept as still as a cat when she is watching a

mouse-hole. I could hear the tip-tap of the little fellow's hammer.

The fairy was laughing, too, all the time, as happy as a lark on an April morning. He had his back turned towards me, and was bend-

ing over the tiniest shoe I had ever seen.

Here was my chance to get a real fairy purse, I thought.

"That's hard work you're doing on this hot day," I said to him.

The fairy turned swiftly round, and looked up at my face with a frightened look. I thought he was going to run away, so I caught hold of him.

"Where is your purse of money?" I asked.

"Money, indeed! And where would a poor little man like me get money?"

"Come, come," I said, "none of your tricks. Every one knows that the fairy cobbler always have money."

I gave him a bit of a shake, and the little man looked so frightened that I

almost pitied him.

"Come with me to the meadow," said he, "and I will show you where I keep my money."

So I went to the meadow, still holding him in my hand, and keeping my eyes fixed upon him. If you take your eyes off a fairy for one moment, the little fellow can run away. All of a sudden I heard a loud buzz behind me.

"There! there!" cried the little man, "Your bees are all swarming and going off by themselves."

Without thinking, I turned my head, but could see nothing. Then I looked angrily at the fairy, but, would you believe it? There was nothing in my hand. The moment I had looked round, he had slipped away, and he never came near my garden again.

Happy birthday



Jennifer celebrates her 8th birthday today. Best wishes, Jennifer, from your parents, brother, relatives and friends.



Raja celebrated her first birthday on Aug 30. Best wishes and love, Raja, from your parents, relatives and friends.

Solution to 'Picture clue crossword':

Across: 1. Bouffant 5. Pier 7. King 9. Potato Down: 1. Ragpipes 2. Nose 3. Rink 4. Song 6. Rook 8. Noose

Truly amazing!

The sun uses an estimated 22 million billion tonnes of hydrogen in a year.

Experts have valued Julius Caesar's autograph at over one million pounds.

A National Atlas of Britain appeared in 1579. The atlas is named after the Mayan word for smoking, 'sik'.

The Flying Scotsman has left London for Edinburgh at the same time, 10 a.m., for 100 years, with the exception of the war years, 1939-45, when it left at 9.30.

A Persian wheel is operated by a camel or bullock walking round in circles, to draw water from a well. In Pakistan today, there are still 200,000 Persian wells in operation.

In 1889 a Hungarian princess named Anthony Koharry was officially designated a man, as she was the last of her line.

An Indian was pronounced dead in 1886 when both circulation and breathing stopped. As preparations for his funeral were being made, it was found that the man was breathing—and he lived for another 32 years.

Court ladies in fourteenth-century France used to wear their corsets as outer garments.

Over half of all the known types of flowers in the world grow in South Africa.

Mozart, Beethoven and Mendelssohn were all short men.

The body of a hanged man found in Denmark in 1950 was so well preserved that a recent crime was suspected, but it was found that the man had been executed 1000 years ago.

Goethe wrote a story in seven languages when he was barely ten.

Kamchatka Peninsula at the eastern end of the USSR has 29 geysers spouting steam and water, and over 60 active volcanoes.

Storytime

What is each book title?

1. A book with a picture of a cat and the letters 'di' and 'a'.

2. A book with a picture of a hand holding a pencil and the letters 'f', 'y', '3', 're', 'b', 'T'.

3. A book with a picture of a bottle and the letters 'A', 'P', 't', 'e', 'r'.

4. A book with a picture of a cat and the letters '3', 're', 'ke', 'li'.

Solution on Tuesday

Which three-letter words end one word and start the next?

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| RAB (|)TER |
| ROT (|)DER |
| GAR (|)TIST |
| CAR (|)ROL |
| MAR (|)ING |
| HAP (|)CIL |

Join the words

Fit the picture names into the circle and the cross.

A circular word search puzzle with letters A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N, O, P, Q, R, S, T, U, V, W, X, Y, Z. A cross-shaped word search puzzle with letters A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N, O, P, Q, R, S, T, U, V, W, X, Y, Z.

Find a way through each maze.

Three mazes with a start and end point. The first maze is a simple path. The second maze is a complex path. The third maze is a complex path.

Who has hooked the fish?

A large maze with a fish at the start and a person at the end. The fish is hooked by a line that goes through the maze.

Orphans that want to go home



These baby owls were 'saved' by well-meaning people who thought they were lost or abandoned. But, in most cases, they should just have been left alone, says the wildlife centre near Taunton in England, where 31 of these 'orphans' are being cared

for. The advice is not to take any young animal from the wild unless you are absolutely sure that its mother is dead and only then if you know of an animal centre where the creature can be properly looked after.

Ha! Ha!

How do you tell the difference between an elephant and a gooseberry? Elephants don't grow on bushes.

What's one of the hardest things to do? Milk puddings.

How do dinosaurs pass exams? With extinction.

What does it mean when the barometer is falling? That somebody hasn't nailed it up properly.

When is an operative singer not a singer? When she is a little hoarse.

MALCOLM: Will you do my homework for me?

MOTHER: No, it wouldn't be right. MALCOLM: Well, at least you could try.

CAN YOU NAME THE CREATURES?

1 Who killed Cock Robin?

2 What frightened Miss Muffet?

3 What did Little Bo Peep lose?

4 What did Tom the Piper's son steal?

5 What pecked off the Maid's nose?

Solution on Tuesday

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SPORTS

BASEBALL

Oakland overcome Boston

NEW YORK, Aug 31, (AP) — Roger Clemens found his fastball, but Boston's search for first place in the American League East continues.

Oakland's Dave Stewart pitched a five-hitter to beat Clemens and the Red Sox 1-0 last night. For the second straight night, the Red Sox missed a chance to move into a first-place tie with Detroit as the Tigers lost 4-1 to Chicago.

Clemens, 15-10, allowed nine hits and had nine strikeouts in 6 1/3 innings as he lost his fifth straight game.

"It's hard to take when a guy like Roger finds himself and you wind up losing by a run," Boston manager Joe Morgan said. "When he gives up one run, we always win — but not tonight."

Clemens raised his Major League-leading strikeout total to 257, one short of the club season record set by Smokey Joe Wood in 1912. Clemens had 256 strikeouts last season.

White Sox 4, Tigers 1

Harold Baines scored the go-ahead run and drove in another as Chicago beat struggling Detroit at Comiskey Park to send the Tigers to their fourth straight defeat. Jeff Butiger, 2-4, yielded one run and five hits in 5 1/3 innings to gain only Chicago's third victory in 11 games with Detroit this season. Barry Jones pitched two innings for his first save.

Mariners 7, Yankees 1

New York lost its sixth straight as Seattle's Scott Bradley hit a three-run homer and Mike Campbell allowed four hits in 7 2/3 innings at the Kingdome.

Indians 4, Royals 1

Tom Candiotti allowed five hits in six innings for his third consecutive victory as visiting Cleveland beat Kansas City to snap the Royals' four-game winning streak. Julio Franco walked leading off the Indians' first, moved to third on Joe Carter's single and scored when Ted Power, 5-6, threw a wild pitch. Carter took third on the wild pitch and scored on Mel Hall's single.

Brewers 6, Blue Jays 2

Steve Garvey hit a two-run home run in the fifth inning as Milwaukee beat Toronto at County Stadium. Deer hit his 19th homer with two outs in the fifth off starter Jeff Musselman, 5-3. The homer, following a single by Robin Yount, broke a 1-1 tie. Ted Higuera, 12-8, allowed eight hits and two runs in 7 1/3 innings en route to his fifth straight victory.

Rangers 6, Twins 6

Cecil Espy's two-run homer with one out in the ninth inning lifted Texas over visiting Minnesota. Bobby Witt was seeking a club-record 10th straight complete game for Texas but left after eight innings allowing six runs, six hits and eight walks. The Twins rallied from a 5-0 deficit and took a 6-5 lead in the fifth on Kent Hrbek's two-run homer.

Orioles 5, Angels 2

Dave Schmidt won his fourth straight game as Baltimore beat California at Anaheim. Schmidt, 7-3, is 4-0 since coming out of the bullpen after 32 relief appearances. Eddie Murray led off the Orioles' four-run second with his 25th homer on a pitch from Dan Petry, 3-6. It was Murray's 21st homer since June 6.

Reds 6, Pirates 4

Danny Jackson became the NL's first 19-game winner and tied Minnesota's Frank Viola for most victories in the majors as Cincinnati beat Pittsburgh. Jackson, 19-6, gave up five hits in 8 2/3 innings. The Reds scored six times in the first inning against Brian Fisher, 7-10.

American League	
Chicago	4
Cleveland	4
Milwaukee	6
Texas	8
Seattle	7
Baltimore	5
Oakland	1
National League	
Cincinnati	6
Los Angeles	4
New York	1
Philadelphia	7
St. Louis	9
Houston	7

Egbunike beats Tiacoh

ANNABA, Algeria, Aug 31, (AP) — In a duel between potential medalists at the Olympic Games next month, Innocent Egbunike of Nigeria beat Gabriele Tiacoh of the Ivory Coast yesterday at the African Track and Field championships.

The runners were hampered by a stiff wind circling in the 19th of May 1988 stadium so Egbunike's winning time was a relatively slow 45.43. Still Egbunike, the World Championship silver medalist, beat Tiacoh, who was runner-up at the 1984 Olympics.

"It was too windy most of the race," Egbunike said. "So now I

GOWER AND THOMAS SLAM TONS

Stewart hits Essex for 133

LONDON, Aug 31, (Reuter) — Essex's challenge for the English County Cricket Championship was met with stern resistance in the shape of a century by Surrey's Alec Stewart — his first in the 1988 competition — at the Oval yesterday.

Stewart hit a fluent 133 and spurred Surrey to 360 for nine at the close of the opening day of a four-day match that could have a significant bearing on Essex's title ambitions.

Third-placed Essex are 27 points behind leaders Kent but have a game in hand, and victory over Surrey would enable them to jump ahead of Worcestershire into second place.

Flawless

Stewart featured in two three-figure stands, adding 105 for the second wicket, with opener Darren Bicknell (50) and 106 for the fourth with David Ward (50).

In this flawless innings of 265 minutes, Stewart struck one six and 31 fours off 238 deliveries before pulling medium-pace Ian Pont into Don Topley's hands at mid-on.

"Essex fielded with 10 men while awaiting the arrival from Lord's of Graham Gooch, who took his place during the second session after captaining England to Test victory over Sri Lanka earlier in the day.

Gooch made his mark by taking two sharp slice catches to remove Jack Richards and Keith Medlicott.

Glamorgan fast bowler Greg Thomas, discarded by England, hammered a career-best unbeaten 108 to help his county



Thomas, scored 108

recover from 114 for six to 268 for nine against Warwickshire at Edgbaston.

It was Thomas's second century in two weeks, and he shared an unbroken last wicket stand of 79 with Steve Bastin, who made 35 not out in his first championship innings.

Leicestershire captain David Gower, dropped by England after the four of the five Tests against West Indies, scored his first championship century for a year — a superb 146 against champions Nottinghamshire at Leicester.

Gower, who promoted himself to open, made his runs off 219 balls in 240 minutes, hitting 21 fours and a six as Leicestershire made 314 for seven after being put in to bat.

Peter Hartley, who went in at 37 for six, made a career-best unbeaten 127 to transform Yorkshire's position against Lancashire at Old Trafford.

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New Zealand tour of India to go ahead

WELLINGTON, Aug 31, (Reuter) — New Zealand's cricket tour of India will go ahead after the two sides reached a compromise on the match schedule, New Zealand Cricket Council chairman Bob Vance said.

New Delhi had threatened to pull out of the two-month tour claiming the schedule was too tight.

The Indian cricketing board originally proposed five one-day internationals within nine days at the conclusion of the six match — three Tests and three first class matches — tour.

New Zealand demanded a reduction in the one-day games or more rest days between the matches.

Vance said in an interview that New Zealand accepted an altered itinerary of five one-day internationals over a period of twelve days.

The council's stand was supported by star New Zealand all-rounder Richard Hadlee and was bolstered further when England's Test and County Cricket Board last week rejected an itinerary for its Christmas tour which included five one-day matches in 10 days.

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Pakistan switches opening match venue

ISLAMABAD, Aug 31, (Reuter) — Pakistani cricket authorities have switched the opening match of Australia's forthcoming tour to Lahore from Rawalpindi, adopted home town of the late President Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq.

Pakistani cricket board secretary Anif Abbasi told the official news agency APP yesterday the atmosphere in Rawalpindi was not right for cricket following Zia's death in an air crash on August 17.

The Australian team will fly direct to Lahore from Karachi. The three-day practice game against a Patron's XI will begin the following day in Pakistan's premier venue, the Khaddafi stadium.

Postponed

Zia was chief patron of the Rawalpindi Club and lived only a few hundred metres from the ground. The local association had asked for the game to be postponed for four weeks or cancelled as the people were in mourning.

The cricket board also announced that leg-spinner Abdul Qadir would captain the Patron's XI.

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Qadir, to lead Patron's XI

The board named the following 14-man squad for the opening match: Abdul Qadir, Rizwan-uz-Zaman, Moin ul-Aliq, Amir Sohail, Ejaz Ahmad, Asif Mujtaba, Shaukat Mirza, Ashraf Ali, Mohsin Kamal, Sajjad Akbar, Hafiz Shahid, Nadeem Ghauri, Zahoor Elahi and Haroon Rashid.

Meanwhile Australia's cricket team has been given strict instructions not to react to controversial umpiring decisions during its tour of Pakistan, Captain Allan Border said today.

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Tennis at the Hilton



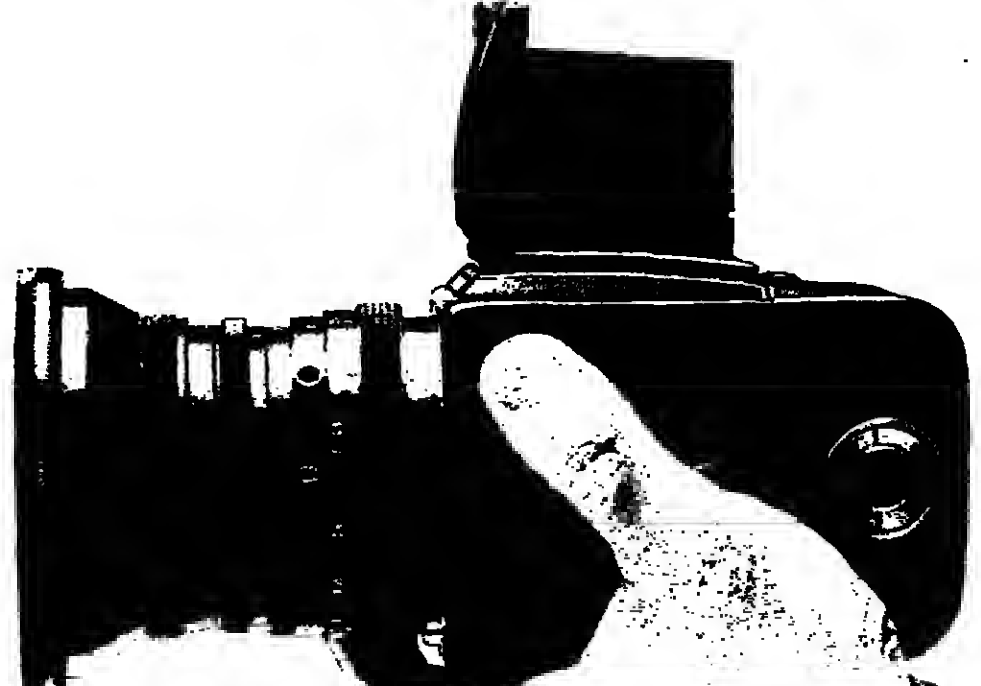
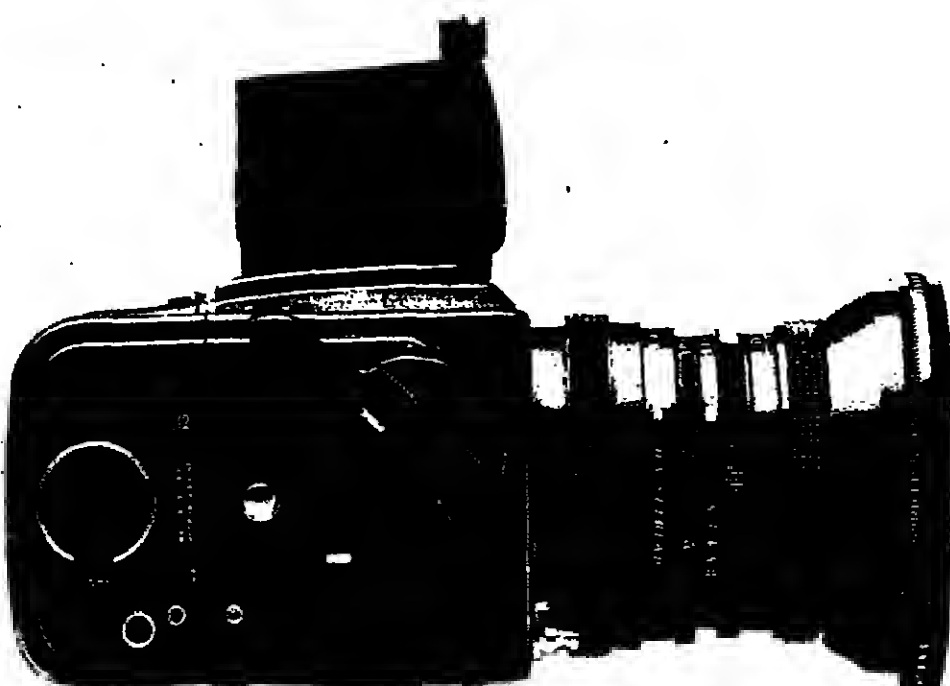
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